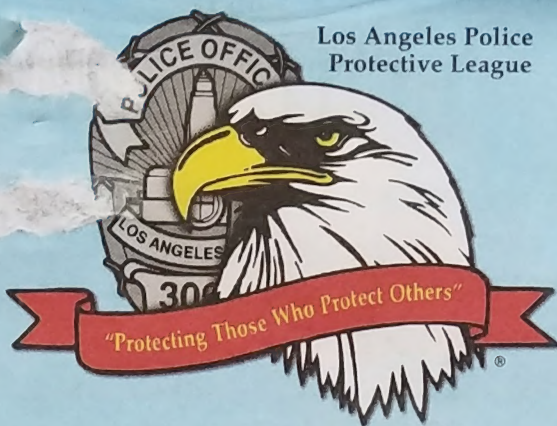


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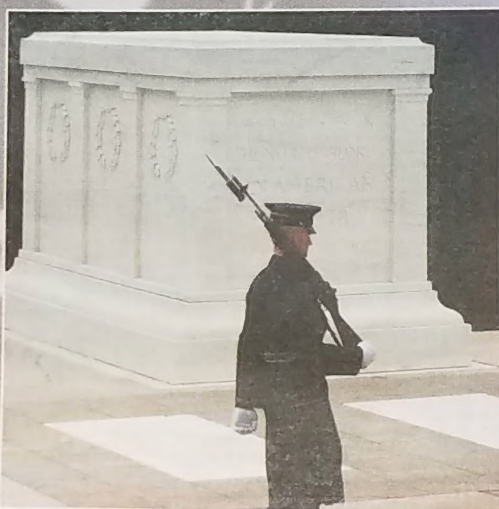
★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

Memorial Day, originally called **Decoration Day**, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. Although Waterloo, N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on the 5th of May, 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of

the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on the 30th of May, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May.

Since the late 50's on the



Unknown Soldier Memorial, Washington, D.C.

Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to

ensure that each flag remains standing.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in December 2000, which asks at 3:00 p.m. local time, all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing or listening to 'taps'."

On this Memorial Day 2004, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League extends its respectful appreciation to all our members who are serving or have served in our nation's armed forces. ♦

National Police Week May 2004

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Police Week is always the week of May 15, Peace Officers Memorial Day. The Candlelight Vigil is always May 13.

May 9, 2004 (Sunday)

9th Annual Blue Mass

May 10, 2004 (Monday)

10th Annual Law Ride

May 12, 2004 (Wednesday)

Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

May 13, 2004 (Thursday)

16th Annual Candlelight Vigil, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

May 14, 2004 (Friday)

2nd Annual Steve Young Honor Guard Competition

National Concerns of Police Survivors' Seminars

Concerns of Police Survivors
9th Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service



May 15, 2004 (Saturday)

23rd Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Services

FOP/FOPA Wreathlaying Ceremony

May 16, 2004 (Sunday)

National Police Survivors' Seminars
Concerns of Police Survivors

CALIFORNIA

Candlelight Vigil

Thursday, May 6, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

State Capitol, California Peace Officers' Memorial Monument

Private Indoor Ceremony

Friday, May 7, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
State Capitol

Walk of Honor

Friday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Capitol Steps West Side

Outdoor Ceremony

Friday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

State Capitol, California Peace Officers' Memorial Monument

LOS ANGELES

LAPD Candlelight Vigil

Sunday, May 2, (TIME T.B.A.)

Westchester Academy

LAPD Memorial Service

Monday, May 3, 11:00 a.m.

Parker Center

L.A. County Peace Officer Memorial

Wednesday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.

L.A. Sheriffs Star Center, Whittier

Cook Third Class Doris Miller U.S. Navy (1919-1943)

Doris ("Dorie") Miller was born in Waco, Texas, on October 12, 1919. He enlisted in the Navy in September 1939 as a Mess Attendant Third Class. On December 7, 1941, while serving aboard USS *West Virginia* (BB-48), he distinguished himself by courageous conduct and devotion to duty during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions on this occasion.

Doris Miller served aboard the USS *Indianapolis* (CA-35) from December 1941 to May 1943. He was then assigned to the escort carrier *Liscome Bay* (CVE-56). Cook Third Class Miller was lost with that ship when she was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine on November 24, 1943, during the invasion of the Gilbert Islands.

USS *Miller* (DE-1091) was named in honor of Cook Third Class Doris Miller.

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Bob Baker, President

We never forget those who leave us. Our fallen partners, our brother and sister officers from other forces, those who served as our mentors and trainers. And each year — this time on May 15 — the nation pauses to honor and simultaneously mourn the fallen heroes of police departments all across the nation on National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

This year will be particularly solemn for the LAPD, as we honor Detective Abe Barron who died in June 2003, and we recently lost Officer Ricardo Lizarraga, on February 20, 2004. Officer Lizarraga became the 195th LAPD officer to die in the line of duty since 1907, the first to be murdered on-duty since 1998 and the first in Newton Area since 1945. A well-liked officer who served the Department for three years, Officer Lizarraga was a member of the LAPD Centurions Football Team, an admirable group of LAPD officers who practice, play and travel while they are off duty to raise money for the Blind Childrens Center of Los Angeles. Officer Lizarraga, who wore #54, was honored at the Centurions game on April 3. The Centurions are one of 15 Law Enforcement and Public Safety Football Teams that travel nationwide to play football and raise money for charity.

While Officer Lizarraga will always be kept in our thoughts, there were many other officers who also perished during the past year and departments across the nation are also mourning their losses. Since the beginning of 2004, more than 30 officers have been killed in the line of duty; during 2003, 146 officers died as a result of gunshots, automobile accidents or vehicle assaults in the line of duty.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated on October 15, 1991, by President George Bush. At the dedication ceremony, President George Bush said in his address:

"Carved on these walls is the story of America, of a continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency, and to protect a national treasure that we call the American dream."

The Memorial honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers who have lost their lives in service to their country, their communities and their fellow citizens. In addition to honoring fallen officers, the Memorial pays tribute to the 870,000 federal, state and local officers who protect and serve our nation every day.

The pain of losing a colleague is difficult enough as it is. But what compounds

this pain and the fear generated by the crimes committed against officers is when the criminals who commit these crimes get away with it. And even though we know where they are hiding and, with a little detective work, we could easily apprehend them, they are protected.

What I'm talking about is the safe harbor that many criminals have found in Mexico. Many of you have heard me speak about this problem or read articles I've written in the newspaper. As we commemorate National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day, I believe it's time once again to turn our attention to this serious problem and the latest developments that have occurred in relation to this issue.

The accused murderer of Deputy David March, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy killed during a routine traffic stop on April 29, 2002, remains free in Mexico. Although many know he is in Mexico, in order to successfully extradite his killer, Armando Garcia, the charges against him would have to be reduced to manslaughter, assault with a deadly weapon or some other lesser offense that carries a determinate term. The reason for this is a 2001 Mexican Supreme Court decision, which ruled that Mexico's goal for violent offenders is criminal rehabilitation, and a sentence of either death or life imprisonment (if imposed by U.S. courts) would violate the Mexican constitution as "cruel and unusual punishment." As a result of this decision, Garcia and as many as 60 other accused murderers from Los Angeles alone are being protected in Mexico.

According to research conducted by District Attorney Steve Cooley's office, since 1979, at least 16 law enforcement officers from various agencies across primarily the South and Western portions of the United States have been killed or seriously injured by criminals who have subsequently fled to Mexico. In several of these cases, Mexican authorities have only turned over suspects after extensive battles with U.S. authorities and after terms such as the death penalty or life imprisonment have been waived. In the instance of the case involving Deputy Don Willmon of the Angelina County, Texas, Sheriff's Department, his killer remained a fugitive in Mexico for 24 years after the murder occurred on May 13, 1979. Although he was arrested in 2003, a Mexican court dismissed the case and acquitted him after it ruled the statute of limitations had run.

Police officers are not the only ones affected by this ruling. In case after case involving innocent civilians, the murderers and assailants who have committed the crimes have escaped to Mexico so that they do not have to face prosecution. Included among these fugitives is the gunman who shot and killed 12-year-old Steven Morales, who was caught in the crossfire between gang member Alvaro Jara and three other gang members. Steven was playing baseball in front of his home at the time of the shooting. Although Jara was located in Mexico before the Mexican Supreme Court decision that today protects these fugitives, Mexico refused to deport Jara, an American citizen of Hispanic descent. In order to extradite Jara to face punishment — which would be life imprisonment without the possibility of parole or the death penalty plus four additional life sentences — California officials would have to commit to a reduction in his sentence.

And this is not the only case in which an American citizen or Mexican national who long ago abandoned his country and sought citizenship in the U.S. has called on his homeland to offer protection in the face of rightful punishment for criminal activity. What's worse is that the argument to protect these fugitives from justice is escalating as more parties become involved.

On March 31, 2004, the International Court of Justice (the principal judicial body of the United Nations) ruled that 51 Mexicans on death row in California and other U.S. states were illegally deprived of consular assistance and that their sentences should immediately be "reviewed and reconsidered." This ruling affects 27 Mexicans currently serving time on California's death row.

While many state officials in the United States were defiant in the face of the ruling, Mexican officials applauded it and agreed to review the cases. The ruling in the case came after Mexico argued before the court that the Mexicans on death row were deprived access to services that Mexican consulates provide, such as legal and financial assistance or visas for witnesses. While it has not been ordered that the sentences of these individuals be rescinded or commuted, the case is being made that their cases should be reviewed and possibly re-tried. In any event, the nation's police agencies are being encouraged to advise any foreign detainees about their rights under the 1963 Vienna Convention, which allow foreign nationals accused of serious crimes in the U.S. to have access to their diplomatic services.

What seems to be missed in all of this banter is that these individuals, regardless of national origin, committed horrific crimes — in many instances, murder — and that they deserve to be punished for their crimes. Entering into another country should not be a free pass to commit a

crime spree and escape prosecution.

In March, we urged President Bush to include on his agenda a discussion with President Vicente Fox about the need to extradite accused criminals from Mexico, as they met in Texas.

In particular, the League called upon the President to fulfill his promise to the family of Deputy March. Last May, during the Peace Officers Memorial Service in Washington, D.C., President Bush assured the family, "We'll get him back," when they informed him that Deputy March's accused killer had fled to Mexico to escape prosecution.

He noted that Deputy March had one of "the most perilous and essential jobs in America." We view it as one of President Bush's essential jobs that he return Deputy March's accused killer — and many other criminals — from their safe haven in Mexico. He made a promise to Deputy March's wife that the killer would be returned to the United States to face justice — and he told her, "We need to get him back." It's time to make good on that promise.

Mrs. March and others like her don't have the sense of closure that other victims receive when they see the person that hurt their loved one face prosecution for their crime. And the way things are currently going, we can't be confident that they will ever achieve this closure.

Support the families of Deputy March and many others like them who are seeking to return those who committed crimes against their loved ones to the United States to face trial. Write letters to President Bush, Attorney General John Ashcroft and California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, calling for swift action to return these criminals to our country and asking them to refute the ruling of the World Court. Attend events that bring light to this issue (see one opportunity, below). And, most of all, don't have to add another name to mourn during Police Week.

Get Involved

Show your support for Deputy David March and the cause of bringing his killer back to the U.S. to face prosecution by attending an important event in his honor:

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Dave's March for Justice
Saturday, May 8, 2004
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LAPPL ACTION REPORT

Protecting Our Members

	March 2004	Year to Date
Roll Outs	9	31
Claims opened in League Legal Claims Unit	110	279
Boards of Rights assigned	10	33
Grievances opened	7	15
Grievances closed	4	16
Total grievances open	25	
Open Meet and Confers	5	25
One hour legal referrals	41	106

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City Approves Reimbursement of Second Chance Vest

In March, the City Council approved reimbursing all officers who upgraded to the Second Chance Ultima Vest from the city-issue vest. This was done after the City and League learned from Second Chance that the Ultima Vest was flawed and possibly broke down prior to its warranty period. The Department, with the input of the League, issued a replacement vest (the Monarch) to officers to replace the Ultima Vest. However, it was learned that numerous officers had purchased the Ultima Vest with their own money, paying out the cost difference of the city-issue vest – approximately \$350.00 each. The League brought the issue to the attention of the City Attorney and CAO. On March 9th, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo issued a letter requesting that the City approve funding to pay back the officers who purchased the Ultima Vest. Subsequently, Captain Sergio Diaz of Training Division,

League President Bob Baker, and I met with the CAO and informed him of the reimbursement issue. Director Peter Repovich and I attended a hearing where the CAO testified before the Council Budget Committee requesting funding to reimburse the officers.

I am very glad to say the City Council approved funding to reimburse all officers who upgraded from the city-issue vest to the Ultima. Currently, the Department, with the assistance of the League, is putting together a list of all officers who upgraded. The list will be published so officers can make sure they are on it. I will inform the membership as we progress to get the approved funds to all members. I would like to thank City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, the CAO Bill Fujioka, President Bob Baker, Director Peter Repovich, and Captain Sergio Diaz for their assistance in getting this issue resolved.

U.S. District Court Approves Brady Lawsuit Settlement

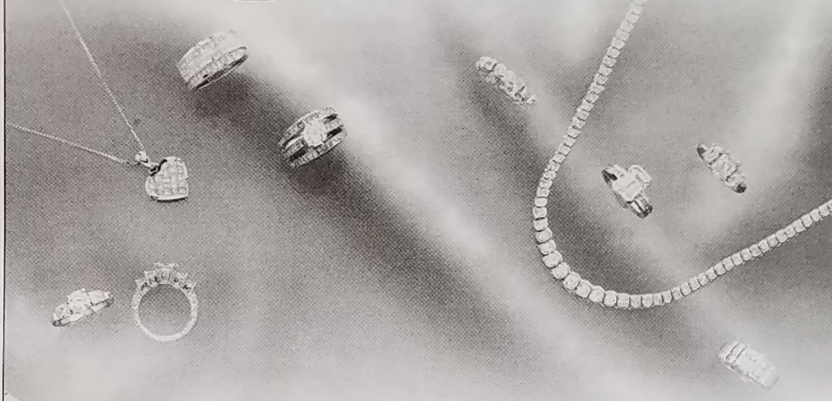
In March, Judge Howard Matz approved

the negotiated settlement between the League and City regarding the Brady Lawsuit. In approving the settlement, the Federal Judge rejected a last ditch argument by the L.A. County Public Defender's Office that the deal would make it easier for the Department to conceal records of misconduct.

Judge Matz stated, "I think the settlement is fair and it's reasonable." All Brady plaintiffs should have received letters from our attorneys outlining the settlement and funds to be expended. Additionally, the settlement addressed Risk Management concerns and set up

appeal procedures regarding appealing restrictions that came from Risk Management. To view the entire settlement go to the LAPPL website posted in the members only section under "Hot Topics." If you have any questions you can contact me at timsands@lappl.org. I want to personally thank Attorney Elizabeth Silver Tourgeman of Silver, Had-den & Silver for her tenacity in settling this lawsuit, especially in addressing the Federal Court when the Public Defender's Office attempted to stop the settlement. Job well done! ♦

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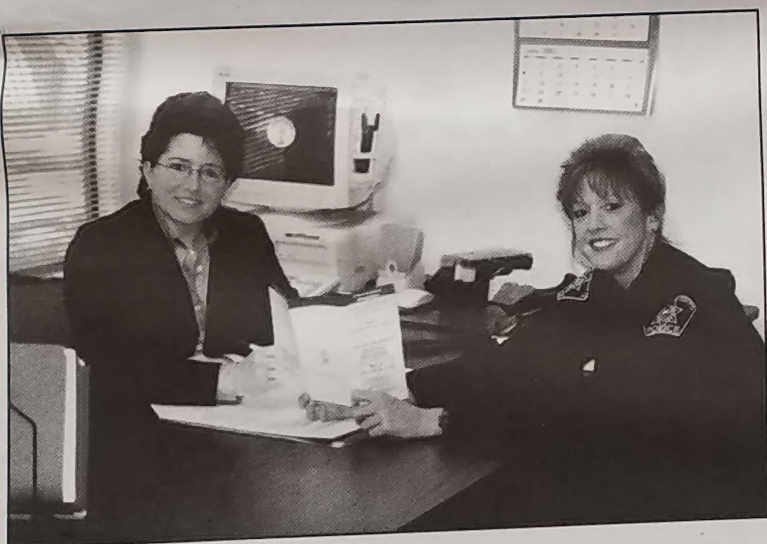
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Ted Hunt, Secretary

What do you get and how do you pay for it?

This month's theme is health and safety. My first topic is about paying for our salaries; benefits including health, dental and life insurance, and workers' compensation insurance. Number two is about FLSA overtime. A happy healthy copper gets lots of overtime. The third topic is about the critical issues of workers' compensation reform. The fourth and final topic is Managed Health Network, an invaluable asset to your family in times of critical needs.

Taxpayers and Public Safety Protection Act

The Police Protective League has joined with Mayor Jim Hahn and the City Council in support of an initiative to stop Sacramento from raiding local tax money. We are supporting the Local Taxpayers and Public Safety Protection Act.

If enough signatures were gathered by the April 15th deadline - they are being counted at each county's registrar of voters - the Local Taxpayers and Public Safety Protection Act will be on the November ballot along with at least 19 other propositions which have already qualified for the ballot. However, 19 propositions is not the record. The record year was 1988 when there were 29 propositions on the ballot.

PROBLEM: You would expect that your local tax money like property tax, sales tax and vehicle tax would stay locally in order to pay for things like local police, fire, parks, libraries, and streets. However, when Sacramento runs out of money, it simply takes local tax money.

When Sacramento takes the local money then there is little or none left for local governments to operate, to pay the salaries of police officers, fire fighters, librarians and street maintenance workers. In other words, there is little money to pay your salary and benefits.

WHAT WILL THE LOCAL TAXPAYERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY DO:

- Sacramento cannot take local government money and use it for state purposes unless the VOTERS approve it.
- It ensures that local tax dollars pay for local services such as police, fire, parks, streets and libraries.
- It ensures that if the state mandates local governments to do something, then the state must provide the money to pay for the mandate.

WHAT IT WILL NOT DO:

- Will NOT raise taxes.
- Will NOT change funding for schools.
- Will NOT increase local funding. It simply keeps what we have.

- Will NOT reduce funding for other state programs.

FLSA Overtime

As most of you know, the Bush Administration has proposed significant changes to the rules relating to the Fair Labor Standards Act and who gets paid overtime. The tentative rules published by the Department of Labor indicated that nearly all supervisors would be exempt from overtime. That means supervisors would not be paid overtime. There is some debate as to whether or not all P-III+1's and P-IIIs working administrative positions would be exempt from overtime as well.

A national police fraternal group called the FOP claimed that Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao promised them (FOP) that police would be exempt from any changes. But that promise was nowhere in writing and expert after expert said the proposed FLSA rule changes were exactly the opposite of what the FOP "was promised."

So the Police Protective League, along with our national affiliates the National Association of Police Organizations, an allied association called the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, and the International Union of Police Associations, came together and worked actively and aggressively to get an exemption of police officers and fire-fighters from any negative rule changes.

The final changes to the FLSA rules were going to be published on or about the first of April. As of mid-April the final revised rules have not been published.

Workers' Compensation

Changes are needed in the workers' compensation laws. Everyone agrees to that. But the battle lines are drawn on what and where the changes will be. A

small legislative committee comprised of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats is trying to work out a compromise. We have learned that there is an agreement on approximately 85% of the proposed changes.

If the Legislative Committee strikes a compromise, then it will be settled for about 5 to 10 years until the next "major" reform is proposed.

Meanwhile, just in case the legislature committee cannot come to an agreement, Governor Schwarzenegger's team is gathering signatures to place the Workers' Compensation Accountability and Reform Act on the November ballot.

M-H-N

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In addition, MHN offers other services such as helping you locate qualified child care centers and elder care centers. They can also help with non-business related legal matters. For example, an officer leased a car. When he turned the car in, the lease company wanted him to pay thousands of dollars extra and immediately began to bill him. Dealing with the bank was hell - you get caught in that telephone thing with 1,500 pre-recorded options, non of which fit your problem.

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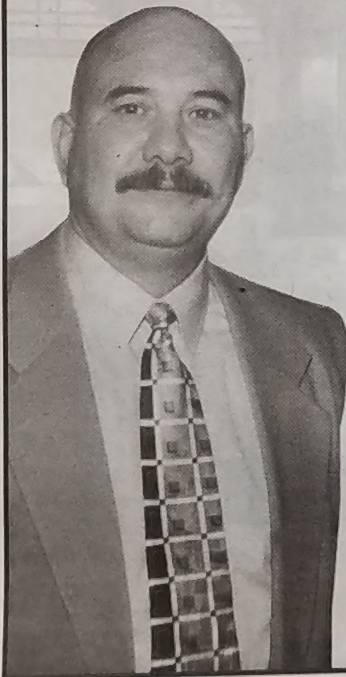
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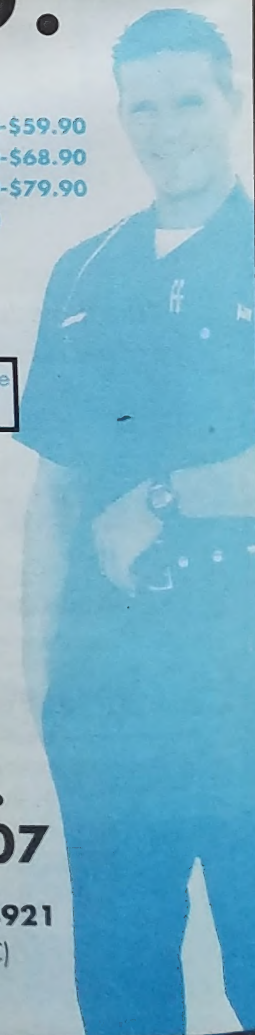
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PENSION UPDATE

Cliff Ruff, Treasurer

The April 4, 2004, *Daily News* headline started off by bashing and criticizing public pensions. They accurately pointed out that LAPD has 54 retired command officers making more than \$100,000 a year in retirement. The article failed to articulate that our pension fund is 100% funded and those pensions were earned and within the plans' defined benefits. The article also failed to point out that there is no spiking of benefits on LAPD.

Because of the outstanding leadership of Gary Mattingly, Tom Lopez, and Lou Moret, our pension fund is well managed and currently has assets of over \$11.5 billion. We have recovered nicely from the recent low of \$9 billion and are attempting to regain the high point of \$13 billion.

An officer called the League recently and inquired as to why the Pension Department didn't liquidate its assets and go 100% into fixed income when we were 114% funded? I discussed that with Tom Lopez, the Chief Investment Officer. Lopez informed me that there is one fund in England that did just that and it is working well. It is called an "Immunized Fund." Once a fund of this type is fully funded and indexed for inflation it can be self-perpetuating.

Lopez opined that if our fund ever regains a sufficient surplus, the City should consider this strategy. The system currently pays \$40 million a year in management fees that would be eliminated and saved. It would also free up money for salary increases.

The proposed budget for 2004/2005 in our pension system requires the City to contribute \$154 million (up from \$128 million last year). Fire and police member contributions are \$77 million. The projected earnings on investments is \$350 million. So the ideal scenario is to have the pension fund at level of self perpetuation so that both the City and the member would not have to make contributions. It is not a far-fetched idea to reach a plateau and remove the risk of equity investments. But history has shown that equities always yield a higher return than fixed income and people would argue that the City will make a profit by staying in equities. The matter will come up sometime in the future.

The inflammatory articles in the *Daily News* correctly point out that a fund cannot provide retroactive benefits without liabilities. Without the *Daily News* support, we would not have 90% pension or DROP. They endorsed those ballot measures. Any enhancements to our pension benefits must be voter approved.

The severity of the liability to CalPERS is causing some legislators to consider a new tier of benefits for new hires that would take away the 90% benefit. If our pension fund were to come up short, that same thought process would come into play. The City did it once before in 1980 when they created Tier 3 (AKA: Article 35). The voters approved taking away the uncapped COLA when retirees got 17.7% in 1978. The governor is reducing workers' compensation benefits and pensions could be next.

The retirement COLA for 7-1-04 is

1.9%. For those officers that were in Tier 5 and DROP anytime before 7-1-03, they will have .6% from the COLA bank added for a total of 2.5%. Tier 2 DROP will get 1.9%.

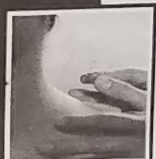
Be careful out there. The *Daily News* should be cognizant of the fact that police and firefighters deserve and earn enhanced pension benefits because of the stress, danger and hours we work. This month Abe Barron will have his name enshrined on the memorials in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Keep him in your thoughts.

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MAKING THE CASE TO END THE CONSENT DECREE

Mitzi Grasso

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It's report card time – something that we all remember facing as a child each June. Next month, however, a report card will be issued that holds far greater stakes. It is the report card issued by the Independent Monitor that determines compliance by the LAPD with the Consent Decree.

Usually, however, before every report card arrives there is a "progress report," which provides an indication of what the final grade will be. With that in mind, let's review the "progress report" issued by the Independent Monitor in February 2004. One cannot help but be incredibly impressed by the efforts put forth by the officers of the LAPD to comply with the Consent Decree. That is, if one looks at the substance of what has been done, as opposed to such details as were the right boxes checked at all the right times, we are on track.

For residents and community leaders in Los Angeles, the Consent Decree appeared to be a meaningful document, which was intended to improve policies and procedures within the Department, ensure that we adhere to the policies we have established and to put systems in place to prevent corruption and the violation of civil rights. With that as a guidepost, no rational observer can fault the compliance of the LAPD. The great news is that reform in those areas has

taken place. In fact, strict adherence to inspection and interview of suspects, diligent and thorough investigation of uses of force, scrutiny of field training officers, gang detail officers and those promoted to coveted positions, and ensuring all public complaints are immediately reported are just a few of the policies implemented to ensure integrity and Consent Decree compliance. I commend the immediate and obedient nature displayed by Department personnel in efforts to comply.

All of us remember the teacher in school who was more concerned with how a paper was written – punctuation, spelling and commas in the right place – than with the content of the paper. A paper that reflected a clear understanding of the subject might get a "B+" rather than an "A" because style often had as much weight as substance. Well, with the LAPD getting an "A" for substance, I am very optimistic that the Independent Monitor will not deduct style points and give us the "failing grade" of the equivalent of a B+.

I am confident that when the Independent Monitor steps back and asks the question, "Has the LAPD been meaningfully reformed in the spirit and manner sought by the Consent Decree?" – the answer can only be a resounding "YES!" A grade of "non compliance" will, at the end of the day, reflect that form over substance has ruled the day. Heck, Albert Einstein failed the entrance

exam to become an electrical engineer – I hope the report card will reflect the Department's true commitment to reform and the performance of the officers to implement this reform.

The Facts

Here's where we are three years later: thousands and thousands of people hours, innumerable policy and procedure changes, tons paper copied with reports, face sheets, applications, etc., and infinite hours for law enforcement, visible patrol, arrests and community policing that have been taken from our community in order to have employees ensure the miniscule details set forth by the Independent Monitor are in place.

In the 10th quarterly report, the Independent Monitor included a Report Card Status Summary. The report covers the last quarter of 2003. Well, from the looks of the report card, no dinner for the Department for the next year. Even with all the hard work that has been put forth, the "Report Card" appears discouraging. What is somewhat deceiving about this report card is that some of the information had not been audited since March or June 2003. However, I am an optimist, and if we examine the report, we should be hopeful that the Department has been able to achieve substantial compliance in most areas.

The big question is if the Department will be strictly held to the unreasonable 95% compliance rate or common sense will prevail and 93%, 92% or even 90% will be acceptable? One can only hope that the Judge assigned to this project will recognize that the Department has done the right thing and that the efforts put forth have been close to Herculean. I believe that the Department of Justice, who now has begun to examine other police departments across the country, will recognize that LAPD was stellar to begin with. Based upon conversations I have had with LAPD management, I

understand that the Independent Monitor will recognize that there needs to be a balance between the expectations they have set forth and our responsibility to the community and to complete our mission. Hopefully, all parties will see that the City cannot afford, neither financially nor for the sake of safety, to spend millions of dollars more for years to come on more theory than practice. While it would be wonderful to capture all that the Independent Monitor wants captured and in the perfect mode they prescribe, the real world of law enforcement just cannot support it.

Looking Ahead

The big test is what our leaders will do when the results are in. While many believe we should not have succumbed to the implementation of the Consent Decree in the first place, it was a political hot potato and city leaders had to placate portions of the public. Now, tables have turned and the millions of dollars put toward the Consent Decree, the hundreds of officers dedicated only to Consent Decree auditing and the minutiae that is taking away from law enforcement efforts needs to be redirected. The financial straits that the city is now encumbered by have to become the priority and funds and personnel need to be directed where they are needed. The safety of our residents has to be a priority and with an already depleted Department, we need every possible officer on the street. We need our systems streamlined so we are working smart and we need funds for employees, task forces, overtime and special projects. The city needs funds for basic public services. Our leaders must stand firm and not allow this Consent Decree to continue, or more unnecessary and unproductive changes to be made.

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Corina Lee

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In the meantime, we urge you to review your paycheck every payday to verify the information is correct and accurate to avoid future problems. If you should find a dis-

crepancy, call FOD immediately at 213-978-6650 and document the problem on a 15.7. If you need any assistance or have questions, call the League and we will be happy to help.

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If you have any concerns or questions about missing items on your paycheck or this case in particular, please do not hesitate to contact the League so that we may look into the matter for you. ♦

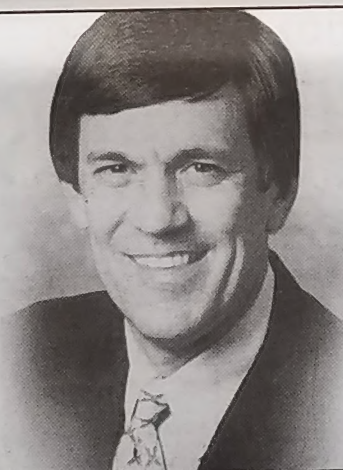
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Providing adequate training for officers is one part of maintaining a healthy police force. Without the structure and guidance inherent in good training, our officers might not know how to best handle difficult situations that arise.

While the LAPD has always prided itself on providing its officers with comprehensive training, unfortunately now the Department may not be utilizing our best trainers. Previously, P2's with 10 years of service did not have to take the test to qualify for the advanced pay grade in order to be a training officer. However, now all officers who wish to become a training officer – whether they are just more than a rookie with 4 or 5 years of experience, or a 10-year veteran – must take the test. The League is working on changing the process back to the old way, but for now, the rich talent that was once available to train our new recruits may no longer be available. If a seasoned P3 doesn't pass the test administered at FTO school, he or she will no longer train others.

We may be losing valuable talent that can impart substantial knowledge to our probationers simply because they can-

not pass a test. While I'm sure you've heard a lot of people say, "I'm just not a test-taker," in reality, there are many people who suffer from "test anxiety," which causes them to perform poorly in exams due to the anxiety they experience in facing them. While most everyone has some kind of anxiety before taking a test or participating in some other type of exam, those with test anxiety are so hindered that they cannot complete the test successfully.

Unfortunately, due to this or simple lack of participation by qualified veteran P3's, those with 10 years or more of experience are not adequately represented among our training officers.

The League is continuing to work on this issue and is hoping to implement measures to ensure that our best trainers are not lost due to the intimidating process. Regardless, we hope each and every one of our veteran officers is passing their knowledge on to the next generation of officers, either through partnerships, informal conversations or during roll calls.

Police dogs: A tool or fellow officer?

Ask any K-9 handler whether his or her dog is considered a tool or fellow officer, and I bet most often you'll hear them referred to as a partner.

But the Supreme Court wants to put a formal definition on this characteriza-

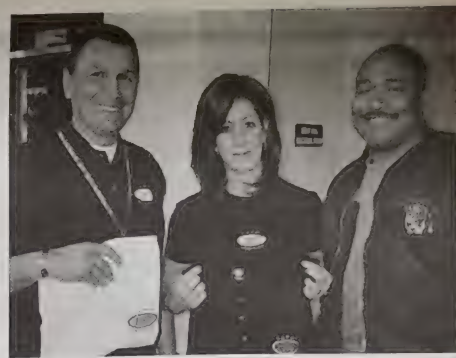
tion as part of a case that began hearings at the beginning of April.

Stemming from an Illinois case in which a man pulled over for speeding was brought up on drug charges after the second car to respond brought a drug-sniffing dog on the scene, the Supreme Court said it will decide whether the use of a sniffing dog amounts to a search by the police. After the dog in the Illinois case indicated there were drugs in the car, police searched it and found \$250,000 worth of marijuana. A second officer arrived with the dog after the suspect originally refused permission for the officer to open his trunk and look inside. The suspect who thought he was getting off with a warning for speeding was instead hauled into jail – good dog!

The case is based on the argument that the Constitution forbids "unreasonable searches" by the police, and the high court in the past has said officers may not search a car for drugs unless they have some reason to suspect the motorist is breaking the law. Lower courts have been divided over whether police must have such specific suspicions before allowing a dog to sniff around a car during an ordinary traffic stop.

State prosecutors are asking the high court to rule that a dog sniffing the air does not amount to a search, based on precedent and also because a canine sniff is not a search under the 4th Amendment.

The suspect was arrested and charged – rightfully – with drug trafficking. He was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison, but has been out on bond pending appeals. The case will be argued at the Supreme Court during the fall. This could be an important case with serious implications for those officers and detectives who work narcotics, so I urge you to keep an eye out for when the case is tried. It is unfathomable that a drug traf-



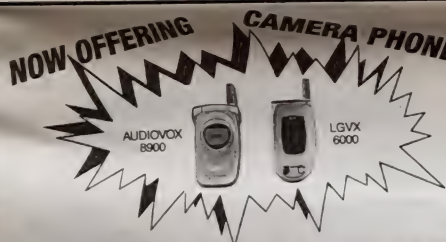
L.A. Newton Division Detectives Salaam Abdul, Liz Rico and Richard Arciniega show their t-shirts offered for sale at the recent C.H.I.A. Conference.

ficker of this nature could get off because he opposes the process by which the evidence against him was discovered, but, sorry to say, this is not an unusual case where a mistake in the process sets a criminal free.

If the high court upholds that decision that the officers did not have the authority to bring in the dog, it could limit the use of drug-sniffing dogs to situations where the police have reason to suspect that drug laws are being violated. However, if the high court disagrees and rules that the use of a drug-sniffing dog is not a search, the decision could give police greater leeway in using canines as drug detectors.

Particularly in Los Angeles, where drug- and bomb-sniffing dogs are essential partners in our fight against crime in our airports, at our ports and in our business centers around town, it is important that they continue to serve as a resource for us.

If you are interested in reading up on the case, it is *Illinois v. Caballes*, 03-923. View the full docket of the case at <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/docket/03-923.htm>.



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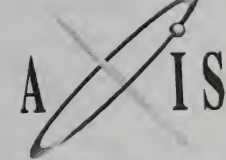
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LET'S ROLL

Paul M. Weber

Health Insurance in America

This topic has been an important topic of national discussion, the reason for several major strikes and a serious issue in our last contract. By the time you read this the open enrollment period for major medical plans through Police Relief will be upon us.

The current situation limits the League's role to obtaining the medical subsidy through our contract. Although we have and will continue to meet with Police Relief they have the final control over the medical plans. At our last meeting we were advised that Blue Cross deductible will go down, however the overall bi-weekly deduction will increase beyond our negotiated medical subsidy increase scheduled for July. There were increases with the other health plans also.

This open enrollment period for your health plans will be during May, through May 28, 2004. This open enrollment period will be the time to carefully review your plans and make some difficult choices.

Delta Dental

The open enrollment period for Delta dental is May 1 to May 31, 2004. As the new chair of the League's Insurance Committee one of my responsibilities was to prepare for the renewal process with Delta Dental. The insurance staff assisted by Camille Nelson and our broker Gary Barnhart led me through the process.

We have had several meetings between the parties to discuss our current plan and discuss options to keep costs down to our members while maximizing the benefits. At this juncture we do not anticipate any major increases in the cost and we will be bringing possible design modifications to the committee.

Life Insurance

The League has and will continue to offer life insurance to its members. We are looking to expand the options in this program. Currently all the plans benefits decrease as you age while the premium remains constant. The theory being as you age the need for life insurance decreases because your major financial responsibilities (children) leave the nest.

This may have been true in the past, however things have changed. Officers are having children later in life, caring for elderly parents, and other issues show a need for stable long-term life insurance benefits to protect the ones we love.

I will keep you apprised of the results in this area.

Long Term Disability

We are in the process of reviewing and bidding out our long-term disability plan which is currently through CNA. We are aggressively looking for the best plan and vendor. If you do not have this plan you need to seriously consider it when it comes up for annual enrollment, which will be determined later in the year. We have too many members who are financially hurt because they suffer serious injuries which prevent them

EAP Benefit Summary:

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Your EAP benefits are effective 7/1/2003 through 6/30/2004.

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Life Management Services MHN's Life Management Services offers a full spectrum of telephonic consultations to help members deal with daily life issues, prepare for emergencies or get guidance on a variety of issues. Our services cover the following categories:

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Meeting with MHN

Director Corina Lee and I met with the new management personnel at MHN. Our account representative Marianne Murrell remained in her position and was present at the meeting. The Chief Medical Officer Ian Shaffer, Director - EAP Services Arlene Darick, and Vice President - Western Region Michael Berlin were also present.

We took the opportunity to review our plan, our expectations and discuss possible future improvements to our program. By the time of the delegate's conference in June I hope to announce additional enhancements to our program.

Most of the major improvements require additional discussions with MHN and the City. However one item is available now. Try their web site at **MHN.COM**. You can register and access information on emotional health, health and exercise, financial & legal and family & work. Other options

include looking up providers and in-depth information on services they provide. When you register use the company code: **lappl** all in lower case.

In Conclusion:

Director **Tim Sands** who was the former chair of insurance had set a high standard for our member insurance plans. My goal is to keep that high standard, minimize costs, and continue to look for various insurance plans that exceed your expectations.

The committee is made of Directors **Tim Sands**, **Cliff Ruff**, **Luther Lutz** and trustees / delegates **Jack**



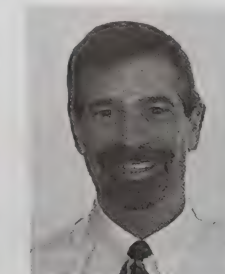
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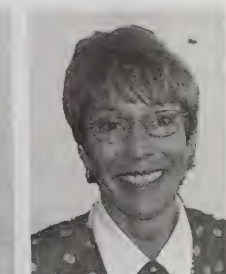
Marianne Murrell, MHN Account Representative.



Dr. Ian Shaffer, Chief Medical Officer.



Michael Berlin, Vice President - Western Region.



Arlene Darick, Director - EAP Services.

Cota, Emmett Badar, U.S. Taylor, and Chris Vasquez. All of us remain dedicated to providing the members with the best insurance programs possible. ♦



Hollywood Gang Enforcement Team Officers Vincent Deglinnocenti and Victor Lopez. Vince was a corpsman assigned to 2/23rd Marines and Victor was a scout/sniper with Surveillance and Target Acquisition Achievement Medal for actions from their deployment to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Vince's citation is for providing medical attention to an injured Marine while under hostile fire from enemy forces. Victor's citation is for providing deadly and accurate sniper fire eliminating enemy troops in ambush positions, thereby permitting his unit to pass through a hostile area safely. Officer Ryan is pictured in the center.

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

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Family and Medical Leave: Courts Take Strong Stance on Notice Requirements

Two federal appellate courts recently issued decisions that focus on the importance of providing proper notice when seeking leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The specific provisions applicable to LAPD officers who wish to use the benefits provided by the FMLA are contained in Article 7.7 of the MOU.

In the first case, the court held that an employee who took nearly two weeks of leave before the birth of his child didn't provide his employer with sufficient notice of his wife's serious health condition. In the second case, the court rejected a lawsuit filed by a worker who requested time off to care for this mentally ill wife, but failed to provide the necessary documentation to substantiate the leave period.

In *Aubuchon v. Knauf Fiberglass*, 359 F.3d 950 (7th Cir. 2004), Steve Aubuchon was employed as a laborer by Knauf Fiberglass. On August 21, 2000, he requested leave under the FMLA to care for his pregnant wife. At the time, he didn't notify his employer that she was experiencing complications or that she had experienced false labor. He simply stated that he wanted to stay home with his wife. She eventually gave birth

on September 2.

On September 1, Aubuchon followed up his oral request for FMLA leave by submitting a completed form that the employer furnishes for requesting such leave. On the form, he checked a box indicating that his wife had a "serious health condition," but provided no additional details.

The company denied Aubuchon's request for FMLA leave and terminated him for violating its attendance policy. He grieved his termination through the union that represented Knauf's employees, and the company agreed to reinstate him without back pay. Shortly thereafter, the company fired him a second time after discovering that he had falsified his original employment application by failing to disclose that he had been terminated by previous employers for excessive absenteeism. He responded by filing suit under the FMLA.

A federal judge in Indiana granted the employer's request to dismiss the suit, and Aubuchon appealed that ruling to the Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The federal appellate court held that Aubuchon failed to meet the FMLA's notice requirement. Under regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, notice must be provided to the employer at least 30 days in advance or "as soon as practicable under the facts and circum-

stances of the particular case." His initial request for leave, the court held, "did not give complications, false labor, or a serious health condition" as a reason for his absence. According to the court, "wanting to stay at home with one's wife until she has the baby, while understandable, is not the same thing as wanting to stay home to care for a spouse who has a serious health condition."

The court found that Aubuchon's subsequent written leave request was also insufficient because it wasn't until after he was fired the first time that his wife's physician provided a note stating that she had experienced complications with the pregnancy. That notice, the Seventh Circuit held, was "too late." According to the court, "Employees should not be encouraged to mousetrap their employers by requesting FMLA leave on patently insufficient grounds and then after the leave is denied obtaining a doctor's note that indicates that sufficient grounds existed, though they were never communicated to the employer." Thus, the trial judge's decision to dismiss the worker's FMLA claim was upheld.

In *Dry vs. The Boeing Company*, 2004 U.S. App. LEXIS 2953 (10th Cir. 2004), Bobby Dry was employed by The Boeing Company. Between 1995 and 1997, he took FMLA leave on several occasions to care for his wife (who suffers from bipolar disorder). During that period, all his requests for leave were granted and all requisite forms were completed by Dry and his supervisors.

On Friday, March 6, 1998, Dry's wife again experienced problems as a result of her bipolar disorder. The following Monday, Dry remained at home to care for her, but didn't call his office to report his need for leave until later that week. He stayed home with his wife throughout the month, calling in approx-

imately once a week. Each time, he stated that he would return to work the following Monday, but then would fail to appear for his shift and didn't call to explain his absence.

After several unsuccessful telephone calls, Dry's supervisor sent a letter informing him that his leave wasn't authorized and that without medical documentation, his absence constituted job abandonment. The letter requested that he provide the company with medical documentation by April 10, 1998.

Dry obtained a doctor's note at his wife's next scheduled appointment on April 15. The handwritten note stated that he was needed at home from the week of March 16 until April 15 to care for his wife. The note further stated that "he is able to return to work at this time as [his wife] no longer needs him to care for her at home." Although the note stated he could return to work as of April 15, he didn't do so.

When Dry failed to contact Boeing by April 20, the company notified the union that represented him of its plans to initiate termination proceedings. On April 21, his supervisor drafted, but didn't finalize, a termination letter - which was mistakenly mailed to Dry. The union contracted Dry shortly thereafter and offered to help, but he rejected the offer, stating that he had already been fired.

Dry obtained a second note from his wife's doctor, which stated that he had taken care of his wife from March 9 through April 21. Although the company didn't receive the note until May 15, it credited Dry with FMLA leave for the entire period. The note failed to excuse him for his absence after April 21, however. As a result, his employment was terminated.

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The Long Journey of Officer Shooter

Part 6-A Trip to SID

[Review of Part 5. Officer Shooter has finished the walk-through and CIID interview and has finally been allowed to go home. As he exited the police building, he saw news cameras and demonstrators in front of the building shouting "murderer." He realized they were talking about him.]

Going Home

As I was walking in circles wondering what to do, Sergeant Babysitter came into the parking lot.

"You all right?" he asked.

"Yeah," I replied. "I'm going home."

"The reason I came out here," Sergeant Babysitter said, looking at the marching protesters, "is to tell you the captain said to take an admin day tomorrow. Stay home. Get some rest."

"Yeah," I said. "Good. I'm going home."

"Ignore those ignoramuses," he said, jabbing a thumb in the direction of the protesters. "You did what you thought you had to do."

"Yeah," I said.

"You need a ride? You don't look so good."

"No," I said, "I'm just going to go home."

I should have accepted the ride. I almost fell asleep three times driving the forty miles to my house. I parked the car in the driveway and went in.

My wife was in front of the television. The protesters were marching back and forth shouting "murderer." She looked in my direction.

"What happened?" she said. She obviously had been crying.

"I have to sleep," I said, taking off my uniform shirt as I headed for the bedroom. "I didn't murder anyone," I said, but I had talked about this enough. I just wanted to get in bed. The last thing I saw as I closed the bedroom door, was my wife standing in the hallway with her hand across her mouth. I was glad the kids were in school.

Perspective of a Sergeant Babysitter

Sergeant Robert "Mark" Evans is typical of the hundreds of sergeants who are swept into the sergeant babysitter role each year by officer-involved-shootings, or other critical incidents. He has ten years on the job and has been a sergeant for two years. He is now at Central, but has worked Foothill patrol, Hollywood patrol and vice, CRASH in West Valley, and Van Nuys patrol. He is intelligent, articulate and takes his supervisory job seriously.

Since there are rarely enough sergeants to fulfill all the mandated monitoring assignments required by the Department, many times he is called in to another division to sit with an officer. Generally, he will respond to the scene of an OIS and be assigned to an officer. He then drives the officer back to the station and stays with him for the next four to six hours until relieved by CIID.

The first thing he tells an officer is that he does not want to hear anything about the shooting. The officer will have to wait until he is interviewed by the investigators. Sometimes an officer is so amped by the adrenaline rush that the officer is busting at the seams to talk about the incident. Sergeant Evans will

try to calm the officer down with small talk and repeated reminders that he is not to discuss the incident. Most officers will also be nervous and scared about the process looming before them. Sergeant Evans will explain what is going to happen. When the process has been demystified, the officer will usually calm down.

Mark knows from experience that it is going to be a long night so, often, he will stop and buy the officer some food and a magazine to help pass the time.

When they arrive at the station, Mark will stay with the officer and is very cognizant of even the appearance of evil. He will keep the officer as isolated as possible. This is for the officer's own good because there will not even be an issue of not following the rules.

Sergeant Mark Evans has the following advice for officers involved in an OIS. "You should sit back and think about what has transpired. You should think about how you are going to articulate what happened. You are only going to get one shot at telling your story. If you do not articulate it correctly and accurately, any later "clarification" will be perceived as a conflict and is likely to be looked at with suspicion and will probably be used to attack your credibility. Do it right the first time. Officers are trained to react. Usually, your reactions are correct. Most problems come with the articulation of the action, not the action itself."

The Gun Test

I slept for almost twelve hours.

When I awoke, the kids were home from school. Everything was quiet. You could cut the tension in the air with a knife. I decided to get the firearm testing out of the way. I needed to clear my head anyway and a drive into Northeast Division would get me out of the house. But first, I had a talk with the kids. I told them that some people might be saying bad things about me, but they weren't true. They looked relieved and nodded, then they ran outside to play.

My wife was still standing there looking at me. She still had her hand over her mouth just as I had last seen her.

"I thought he had a gun," I said. "Apparently, he didn't."

"What's going to happen?" she said.

"I don't know," I replied. "I have to get my gun tested."

"Do you want to talk about it?"

"No," I said. "I don't." I hugged her and left.

You need a map to find the Firearms Analysis Unit even if you can find Northeast station. It is crammed between the Bomb Squad, dog kennels and a parking lot. Their hours are reasonable, 0530 to 2100. I used my cell phone to make an appointment even while I was driving over there. When I arrived, I signed in and was taken into a back room by an analyst. The decor is typical LAPD. Beat up desks crowded together in a small room among boxes and file cabinets. The procedure was typical LAPD also, it started out with paperwork. The analyst began filling out a form. He asked me for my weapon and I handed it to him.

Looking at the weapon, the analyst made more notations on the form. Then he dropped the magazine into his hand and extracted the round in the chamber in manner that showed he was very familiar with guns. He emptied the magazine and recorded how many bullets it contained. Then, using dummy rounds,

he reloaded the magazine to its full capacity and counted them.

I figured that someone as familiar with weapons as he obviously was, should know that the Department's standard approved Beretta 92 FS magazine holds fifteen rounds.

He must have noticed the look on my face. "Some older magazines are loose and will hold sixteen rounds," he said. "That's why we recommend that you count your rounds when you load up."

He then used an angled light to examine the bore for residue. He checked all of the safety systems on the gun and made more notations on the form. He made measurements and poked and prodded the firing pin. More notations.

Then he stood up and motioned for me to follow him. He went to a table where there was an inverted U shaped bar with weights attached to the bottom. This was a trigger pull test. He cocked the Beretta, pointed it towards the ceiling and suspended the bar from the trigger. Then he started adding and subtracting marked weights to the lower portion of the bar until the weapon's hammer fell. He did this several times before he decided by adding up the markings on the weights that the trigger pull was four and a half pounds. Then he repeated the test with the Beretta not cocked. The double action trigger pull was ten and a half pounds. It went on the form.

I then followed him to the shooting room. There were two large water tanks in the room, and, in addition, there was a large trap for firing a shotgun, and a long square metal tube filled with cotton for rifles.

I watched as he filled the hollow points of four bullets with clay. "These are the same brand cartridges that you were using," he explained. "I am filling the hollow with clay so the round will not disintegrate when it hits the water. Your job is to watch where the casings fall."

He stepped up to a slot in the water tank and fired the four clay filled rounds into the water. Then he opened the hatch to the tank and, using a broomstick with a lump of clay attached to the end, retrieved the lead slugs from the water. I pointed out the casings. He picked them up and we went back to the original room. More notations, then he gave me back my weapon.

"All done," he said. It had taken forty-five minutes.

Perspective of a Criminalist

Doreen Hudson is the Officer In Charge of the Firearms Analysis Unit which is part of the Criminalistics Laboratory which in turn is under Scientific Investigation Division. Doreen has the ideal background for this position. She has a Bachelor's degree in chemistry and has been part of LAPD Scientific Investigation Division for twenty-seven years. She has done tours in the serology unit, the trace evidence unit, the narcotics analysis unit, the quality assurance unit, and has now spent twelve years in the firearms unit.

The Firearms Analysis Unit has approximately thirty employees in a mix of civilian and sworn. There is an Admin section, a Cross-fire section, and an Identification detail. The Cross-fire section test fires weapons involved in criminal activity and enters ballistics characteristics in a data base that is accessible to a broad range of law enforcement entities. The Identification detail is made up of the experts who do the actual examining and comparing of evidence. It is the Identification detail that responds to officer-involved-shootings.

Doreen is currently down eleven positions for various reasons and, as might be expected, this puts a lot of pressure on the unit. Because of Consent Decree requirements, the number one priority is to process the officer-involved-shooting cases, to the chagrin of homicide detectives whose cases are put on hold when an OIS occurs.

Doreen's people are on call 24/7 to

respond to the scenes of officer-involved-shootings. They are usually called in by CIID or RHD and will normally arrive while the walk-throughs are being conducted. When the scene is available to them, they move in for a detailed examination. They must account for every cartridge, bullet fragment, and impact at the scene. The analysts are all cross trained in other areas of forensics so they will collect blood samples, or what ever other evidence might be at the scene. Generally, they will call in Photo Lab personnel for photographing the scene and Latent Prints to print the expended cartridges, or other items of evidence. If necessary, they have access to other criminalists who can also be rolled out, such as blood spatter experts.

This is just the start. From the evidence gathered they have to come up with a trajectory analysis for each shot fired and an impact assessment for each round. LAPD protocol on officer-involved -shootings also requires that the clothing of a suspect who has been shot be analyzed for powder residue and any holes in the clothing tested for lead to see if it was caused by a bullet. Because blood spilling on the clothing may make these types of detection difficult, the garments are then chemically processed. And all this has to be completed and written up in sixty days.

Richard Maruoka is one of the analysts who gets assigned to this task. Richard has had a life long interest in firearms. That alone, however, gets you nowhere in this business. He also has a Bachelor of Science in Criminalistics, a degree requiring four years of study in forensics. He has been extensively trained by DOJ, attended the FBI Academy, and belongs to the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners for whom he has published many scientific papers.

Richard will examine the evidence and determine by distinguishing marks under a microscope which expended cartridge belongs to which gun and, if there is enough left of a bullet fragment, from which weapon it was fired. There are three possible classifications; Identification (this round came from this gun), Elimination (this round did not come from this gun), or Inconclusive (cannot be determined one way or the other). Richard will compile the evidence recovered at the crime scene and other testing information and prepare a report that will address which weapon fired which bullet, which gun ejected which cartridge, the distance from the fired weapon to the point of impact, and any other conclusions that can be arrived at from an examination of the evidence.

Doreen and Richard have some advice for officers who are ordered to bring their weapons in for examination. First, bring a back-up weapon. You never know when a weapon will test as faulty for some reason during the tests. If it does, the weapon will not be returned to the officer for obvious safety reasons. The Firearms Analysis Unit does not want you to leave their facility unarmed. Second, some officers apparently think that having their firearms examined by the unit is akin to an inspection. They arrive in spiffy uniforms with immaculately cleaned weapons. Don't do this. You will not be reported for having a dirty gun. Accurate analysis of your weapon requires that it be in the same state as when you used it. Do not clean it or fire it prior to the analysis.

The Press

As I drove away from Northeast, I was feeling better. The analyst was very professional and obviously competent. I knew that the ballistic evidence would help me. I decided to drive through a Burger King. I was suddenly hungry, but my appetite would not last long. A newspaper rack next to the drive through clearly displayed a headline that sent my stomach into a spin.



A Message From Chief Bratton

Since my appointment as Chief of Police, I have stated that my priorities for this Department are three-fold; fully implement the Consent Decree, establishing a top-notch counter-terrorism bureau and reduce crime and fear in order to meet the Mayor's goal of making Los Angeles the safest big city in America.

Over the past 18 months, you've all worked very hard and have made significant progress toward meeting and exceeding those priorities. Although we cannot claim that we have fully met our objectives, you have continued to show the people of Los Angeles that even with limited resources, progress can be made through innovation, reorganization, and hard work.

However, we have reached a point where our rate of success has slowed and our victories are fewer. Quite simply, our momentum is slowing. I anticipate that the homicide problems will be with us for a while as we struggle with the gang situation,

and that we will not be able to expand on our achievements without an infusion of resources. It is now widely understood by all of the involved parties, that our ability to consistently reduce crime is significantly impacted by our shortage of personnel resources. But I believe hope is on the horizon.

In the weeks and months ahead, you will be hearing about the Los Angeles County Public Safety and Homeland Security Sales Tax Initiative, proposed by Sheriff Lee Baca. I believe this to be a once in a generation opportunity for permanent funding for public safety in Los Angeles County. If voters support the initiative next November, our Department, based on the population that we serve, would receive one-third of the revenue raised.

The initiative would raise the sales tax within Los Angeles County by a half-cent, with the revenue stream dedicated to public safety. It is estimated that roughly \$500 million dol-

lars would be generated annually for law enforcement agencies throughout the County.

What does it mean to the LAPD? First and foremost, the ability to significantly increase the size of the Department. The money could also be used to increase homeland security operations and purchase technology that would be used by first-responders in the event of large-scale emergencies or incidents that involve multiple law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff Baca estimates that through this initiative, the City of Los Angeles would receive approximately \$168 million dollars a year. That translates into approximately 1,500 to 1,700 additional Los Angeles police officers. It would take three full years to hire and train new recruits. Money remaining during the first years, not spent on new hires, would be used to purchase equipment, vehicles, and technology to support them. Additional supervision of the enhanced patrol force would also provide many promotional opportunities. It is important to note that there is specific language in the initiative that new revenue generated would not replace existing funding, and existing funding for law enforcement agencies county-wide could not be reduced below the 2003-2004 fiscal budget levels.

An additional 1,500 to 1,700 officers Citywide would mean an addi-

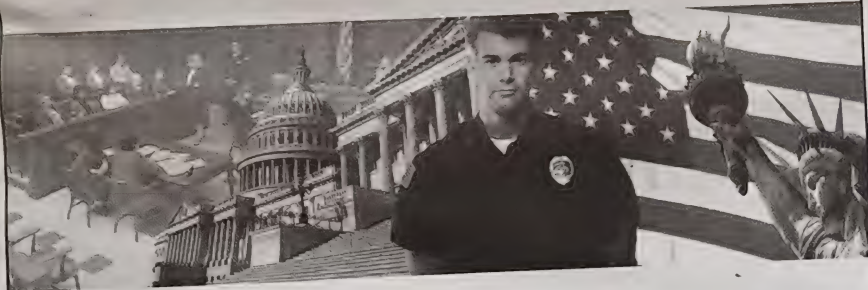
tional 75 officers at each of the 18 Area stations. Added to the approximately 140-officer patrol force at each station, that's a 53 percent increase in patrol personnel at each Area. We could easily double the amount of Senior Lead Officers, increase foot and bicycle beats, and put more patrol vehicles out on the streets. Of course more personnel on the streets would mean increased officer safety.

The obvious outcome of the additional personnel resources would be the re-energizing of our crime reduction efforts. With roughly 10 million people living in Los Angeles County, the initiative would cost approximately \$50 dollars per person per year, or less than 20 cents a day. You can't even buy a candy bar for that much. It's a bargain. It's also the reason Mayor James Hahn, the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles Police Commission, Sheriff Baca, and I support this measure.

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Sales Tax Initiative, it could be the key to reaching our goals of reducing crime and improving officer safety.

Bottom line, it's funding that can be used to provide critically needed services to the people of this City. With their support of this initiative, we can make Los Angeles the safest big city in America. ❖

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Our Sincere Appreciation

The family of Officer Timothy M. Falco would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the kind words, phone calls, house calls, car rides, advice, and help that were offered and received during our most trying and tragic time. Please know that all the officers involved in those first hours, days and weeks after Tim's death brought us strength and compassion. We continue to enjoy your calls, visits, and funny stories.

On November 24, 2003, the LAPD Memorial Service in honor of Tim was more beautiful than our family could have imagined. For all of those incredible, moving tributes captured forever, thank you. We are grateful to the officers that stepped in to help with the important details that needed to be resolved. Thanks for your selfless efforts. We could not

have done it without you.

On March 15th, a LAPD Memorial Golf Tournament was another day of honor for Tim. The day brought us comfort, support, and even laughter; your kindness was overwhelming. Tim would have loved it, as we did. Your efforts and generosity will not be forgotten.

I had the gift of knowing Tim since we were very young. Even as a kid, he lived life to the fullest and never wasted a moment. Growing up never changed that in him. He was passionate about being a husband, father, and friend. Tim and I were both raised in large, close-knit families. He always valued family and found pride in all our accomplishments. Tim was a joy with every breath. He filled our world with excitement and laughter. Our life together was an amazing ride.

When Tim joined LAPD, I was sup-

portive but under one condition; if along the way he ever lost his smile, I'd ask him to change careers. If you knew Tim, you know that never happened. Along with the prestigious LAPD uniform he wore for 20 years, he also wore that smile.

When you remember Tim and his contagious smile, smile yourself and go have some fun, he would not have wanted it any other way.

Thank You,
Kathy, Lynsie, and Tim Falco

Dear Editor:

I am the director of the Long Beach/Lakewood OASIS center. OASIS is a nonprofit national education organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older adults. Offering challenging programs in the arts, sciences, humanities, social sciences, health and exercise, and computers, OASIS creates opportunities for older adults to continue their personal growth and remain active and healthy.

Since my arrival a few months ago, I have been trying to develop a class that I call "Solve the Crime." Essentially, I envisioned a class where a detective (probably retired) would use photos and other materials to teach our members how to "work a crime scene." My goal is to have an interactive class where members do not just sit and listen, but must really stretch their minds, apply logic, and become involved in the class. There are a lot of very interesting directions this could go and I would have to rely on the instructor to determine what would be most useful.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to find anyone to work with me on this. I have contacted both our local sheriff's department and the LBPd and while both were enthusiastic, they simply didn't have the time.

What I am hoping is that there is some way to contact retired detectives to find someone who would be willing to work with me to put this class together. Is that possible? Do you have any other suggestions? I think this class would be extremely valuable and I am not quite ready to give up on it. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Monica Dunahce
Director
Long Beach/Lakewood OASIS
Educational Programs for Older Adults
www.oasisnet.org
(562) 601-5041

Dear Editor:

I want to express my most sincere gratitude to all who supported and comforted my family during our recent crisis. My

father was Larry Moore. In November of last year he was tragically involved in a motorcycle accident near Las Vegas, Nevada. Sadly, this accident took his life after a 44 day battle. This was a very dark time for my sister, PSR Kelly Soper, LAPD Communications Division, my mother, and me. I want to thank our immediate LAPD family, especially Commercial Crimes and Communications Divisions, as well as our extended LASO-TRAP and many other law enforcement families from around the world, for their steadfast encouragement that sustained us in our darkest hour. I would also like to thank the following people and organizations for their consideration and generosity: the Police Commission, especially Commissioner Skobin, Chief Bratton and your office; the City Council, especially Councilman Zine; all of LAPRAAC, especially Capt. Voge, Lew Snow and Protective League for the lovely remembrances published in prior *Blue Line* editions. We were touched by your acts of kindness and will never forget them.

Finally, I want to thank some of my friends: Dionne Taylor, Ingrid Braun, Kim Jones-Harris, James Clifford, Ulysses Taylor, Dean Watts and Darrin Ray. You all continue to demonstrate your loyalty and devotion, and give me guidance when I need it most. I am eternally grateful for this. I will always be proud of the LAPD family, as was my dad.

Sincerely,
Det. Kara Clifford
Commercial Crimes Division

I'm a federal police officer with the Department of Defense, and I know I have the wrong site to ask this question, but I'm hoping someone there can steer me in the right direction. I'm looking for a basket weave swivel holster for a Barrett 9mm, mod 92f. I've searched a lot of sites so far, but to no avail. Being a retired Riverside County deputy, I remember that LAPD wore this type of holster years ago when they carried revolvers, and I was hoping someone from the department could help me find one for a semi auto. Perhaps you could pass this e-mail along to some of your members and help me out.

Thank you,
Jeffrey Shively
k9wolfie@aerthlink.net

Dear Ted Hunt:

On behalf of the men and women of Wilshire Area, thank you for the Los Angeles Police Protective League's collective and individual efforts with the

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Bertram L. Jones #3725
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: University Detectives
BORN: No Birth date found
APPOINTED: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: November 3, 1971
DIED: October 16, 2003

NAME: Ferdinand C. Hanson #3460
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Highland Park
BORN: September 23, 1916
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: July 25, 1966
DIED: December 29, 2003

NAME: Walter Suckiel #5158
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: R&I
BORN: No Birth date found
APPOINTED: November 24, 1947
RETIRED: June 30, 1978
DIED: January 5, 2004

NAME: Uluse E. Schubach #4081
RANK: Captain I
ASSIGNED TO: Burglary Auto Theft Division
BORN: December 31, 1920
APPOINTED: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: June 28, 1980
DIED: February 3, 2004

NAME: Marvin W. Morlan #2403
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: June 11, 1917
APPOINTED: April 10, 1941
RETIRED: February 18, 1962
DIED: February 7, 2004

NAME: Merrill F. O'Dell #4380
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley
BORN: December 7, 1920
APPOINTED: March 16, 1947
RETIRED: March 20, 1968
DIED: February 23, 2004

NAME: Robert F. Houk #3480
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood
BORN: September 27, 1921
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: August 2, 1966
DIED: February 28, 2004

NAME: Frank W. House #5357
RANK: Police Officer III+1
ASSIGNED TO: South Traffic
BORN: July 18, 1925
APPOINTED: February 16, 1948
RETIRED: December 4, 1976
DIED: March 2, 2004

NAME: Charles T. Reagan # (No Serial # found)
RANK: Lieutenant
ASSIGNED TO: West L.A.
BORN: March 8, 1912
APPOINTED: April 10, 1941
RETIRED: February 20, 1965
DIED: March 29, 2004

NAME: Howard W. Barnes #3848
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill
BORN: January 3, 1919
APPOINTED: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: November 4, 1965
DIED: March 4, 2004

NAME: Clyde W. Hyding #3721
RANK: Policeman II
ASSIGNED TO: Pacific
BORN: May 15, 1916
APPOINTED: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: June 30, 1978
DIED: March 5, 2004

NAME: Richard L. Gray #16347
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley
BORN: June 19, 1949
APPOINTED: October 5, 1970
RETIRED: November 24, 1992
DIED: March 11, 2004

NAME: Robert S. James #14461
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: Bunco Forgery
BORN: January 14, 1941
APPOINTED: January 26, 1970
RETIRED: July 3, 1999
DIED: March 11, 2004

NAME: Theodore Rushton #3603
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood
BORN: September 4, 1923
APPOINTED: January 16, 1946
RETIRED: March 16, 1966
DIED: March 15, 2004

NAME: Jack D. Hensley #6350
RANK: Sergeant II
ASSIGNED TO: Southwest
BORN: September 20, 1922
APPOINTED: June 16, 1949
RETIRED: July 19, 1979
DIED: March 19, 2004

NAME: William J. Jones #17132
RANK: Police Officer III+1
ASSIGNED TO: 77th Street
BORN: November 29, 1942
APPOINTED: August 9, 1971
RETIRED: June 27, 1983
DIED: March 19, 2004

NAME: William Windham #7667
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley
BORN: March 29, 1934
APPOINTED: May 15, 1956
RETIRED: July 1, 1986
DIED: March 23, 2004

IN MEMORIAM		
LAPD - In the Line of Duty		
Name	Date of Death	Rank
D. BROOKS	04/08/10	Policeman
R. F. SHY	04/08/22	Policeman
R. MIOVER	04/11/25	Detective Sergeant
L. LONG	04/18/29	Police Officer
P. MULLER	04/13/30	Policeman
PAUL DONATH	04/28/32	Policeman
F. G. PANER	04/14/47	Policeman
T. J. KENNEDY	04/05/51	Policeman
C. E. BOGARDUS	04/05/59	Policeman
CARL L. RIDDICK	04/23/70	Policeman
NORMAN D. ECKLES	04/20/89	Detective

Letters to the Editor

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Seventh Annual College Fair, "Developing Lifetime Training." Your concern and efforts to promote formal education are acknowledged and appreciated.

The information forwarded has been shared with Wilshire personnel. Thank you for making a difference. Take care!

Capt. Rich Wemmer
Commanding Officer
Wilshire Community Police Station

To: Tim Sands

Re: V/C Sell Back

Tim, I am glad to report that we are 100 percent on the submission of the v/c sell back list. We were able to get the entire list (those that wanted to) into FOD right on the deadline. Thanks for all your work and assistance on this project.

Semper Fi,
Dennis DeNoi

(To: Lew Snow)

Dear Lew:

Thank you for all the years of service to LAPD and the police officers and firefighters throughout the world with that wonderful "Lew Snow touch" in the field of sports.

You have never been discourteous in your articles about an individual athlete or team during all the years of service to the Los Angeles Police & Revolver Club. Only positive and encouraging statements have come from your typewriter.

The Sports Beat will always be your beat, Lew, and you have allowed the "Four Amigos," Larry Moore, Chuck Foote, Tony Adler and me to be part of your life for the past 35 years, and for that we are humbly thankful, *old friend*.

Sincerely,
Bob Burke, Retired
LAPD Athletic Director

Off-duty Officers Carrying Weapons

Officer Corina Lee's article in the April issue of the *Blue Line* failed to explain why the majority of theme parks here and across the country have established policies against officers carrying concealed weapons. As someone who helped establish that policy at Universal Studios, I am certainly not opposed to officers having the right to carry concealed weapons off duty and feel they should have every right to protect themselves and other citizens

from the criminal element. But experience has taught us that carrying a loaded weapon while riding high-energy-impact attractions that twist, turn, and tumble is just asking for disaster and poses a serious safety hazard, placing innocent people at risk. Unfortunately, we have had an off-duty officer's weapon become an unholstered on one of our rides only to be discovered by a startled guest entering the ride-car with his children. My colleagues at other venues tell me that this has happened on more than one occasion. We have also responded to calls from guests reporting that someone standing in line had a weapon, only to find, after a tense moment or two, that it was an off-duty officer who innocently did not realize that his weapon was exposed.

The majority of our visitors are here with their families and friends to have a great time. It's a relaxed, exciting, and fun place that affords everyone the opportunity to enjoy a great experience in a very secure environment. We are fortunate to have a sub-station staffed by uniformed Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies. I question, with all the security provided, why there is a need for off-duty officers to be armed. With children and families in close proximity, it is highly unlikely that an officer could use a weapon without further endangering innocent lives. That is why we provide a gun locker so that off-duty officers can store their weapons while they ride the attractions. In 11 years at Universal Studios, I cannot recall even one instance where an off-duty officer reported being threatened or confronted by someone he had arrested. Weighing the obvious risks of carrying a weapon or using a weapon in this crowded arena, against the remote possibility that an officer will have to take enforcement action, is in my opinion a risk not worth taking. Officer Lee would have you believe that an officer's training, expertise and judgment are rendered useless if he or she is separated from their weapon. I don't think that is the case at all. There are venues where no one should be allowed to carry a weapon unless they are on official business. I hope you agree.

Sincerely,
Chuck Labrow
Director of Corporate Security
Universal Studios

of thousands of heroes to work extra hard because of the actions of a select few – but together we came through as a team.

I am proud to say that members of the LAPD have risen to that challenge and have paid incredible attention to detail, worked diligently within cumbersome parameters and been consistently flexible and adjusted to the ever-changing demands of the Monitor. Now three years have passed and unequivocally, so have we.

Let us never stop making this organization better, but not at the expense of common sense, public safety and city services. Thank you all for your efforts and let your pride and your badge shine.

Hernandez

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Dry filed a lawsuit alleging that his former employer unlawfully interfered with his FMLA rights. The trial judge ruled in favor of Boeing, and he appealed that decision to the Tenth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The federal appellate court agreed with the trial judge, noting that with regard to Dry's absences before April 21, he failed to perform his FMLA duties. According to the court, "He had a duty to timely provide the medical documentation requested, which he virtually ignored."

The Tenth Circuit further held that despite Dry's tardiness in providing the requested documentation, the company still granted him leave for all days for which he submitted medical documentation – March 9 to April 21, 1998. Nonetheless, the court found that did not excuse him for being absent from work from April 21 forward. Because his termination was caused by his voluntarily missing weeks of work without explanation, the court dismissed his FMLA interference claim.

These rulings are important for all officers to keep in mind because the courts now have recognized that workers must share part of the burden associated with leave taken under the FMLA. As noted by the court in the *Aubuchon* case: "Conditioning the right to take FMLA leave on

the employee's giving the required notice to his employer is the *quid pro quo* for the employer's partial surrender of control over his work force. Employers do not like to give their employees unscheduled leave even if it is without pay, because it means shifting workers around to fill the temporary vacancy and then shifting them around again when the absentee returns. The requirement of notice reduces the burden on the employer." We can safely conclude that the same burdens probably occur within any watch, division, section or unit of the LAPD whenever officers exercise their rights to benefits under the FMLA.

On the same note, employers have the right to seek medical documentation supporting the leave. Moreover, for an employee who is seeking recurrent leave, the employer may require him/her to "obtain subsequent re-certifications on a reasonable basis." The employee must in turn provide the medical certification "in a timely manner."

It may be safe to conclude that the courts' views regarding the employee obligations with respect to leave benefits under the FMLA are partly designed to lessen incidents of fraud and to help employers respond to the challenges created by the FMLA's entitlements. We at the League encourage all officers to become familiar with these obligations as delineated in the MOU and as discussed in the two cases cited above.

Take care and please contact us for assistance.

Ingemunson

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"Cop Guns Down Unarmed Juvenile" it said in large print. I fumbled for two quarters to put in the rack and retrieved the paper and started to read. A car behind me impatiently blew its horn. I didn't care, I rapidly read the article. A prominent attorney was quoted as calling me a murderer and promised to file a multimillion dollar lawsuit tomorrow. Various community members decried the long history of brutality of the LAPD. But the thing that hurt me the most was the silence from the Department. There wasn't a word from the Department about the actions of the suspect in fleeing in the car, his crashing into innocent civilians, or his decision to

run which forced us to chase him on foot, or any other indication that I had been engaged in police work and that maybe my actions had been justified. I was feeling politically expendable.

Still, I knew that no matter what the Department said, the newspaper could say they pleased and, obviously, they were pleased to make me a murderer. The sound of a blowing horn brought me back to reality. I drove forward past the serving window and the puzzled look of the attendant and into the street where I was almost broadsided by a bus.

The near miss convinced me that my next stop had to be the shrink.

To Be Continued...

Be legally careful out there.

Grasso

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Pride Is Back

The men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department take enormous pride in the great traditions of this organization, including the innovative programs we develop, the world class training we provide, the teamwork and camaraderie we celebrate and the heroic acts officers perform every day. Many of those acts go unnoticed but often positively change the lives of members of our community. The implementation of the Consent Decree caused an organization



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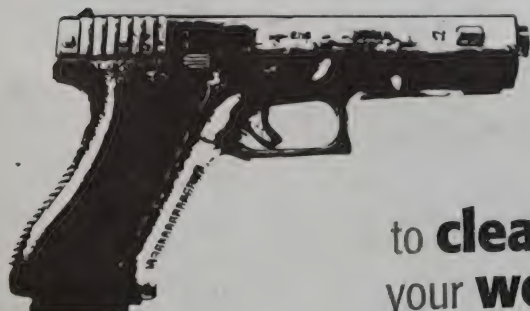
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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL Legislative Report

by Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

I was anticipating, by the time I wrote this column, that there would be an agreement reached on Workers' Comp. Unfortunately, I can't report any such agreement, although key meetings are still ongoing and there is a chance, although now a fading one, that a Workers' Comp compromise will be reached by the time the Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess on April 12. If a legislative agreement is NOT reached, it is a virtual certainty that there will be enough signatures by the April 16th deadline to put the "Workers Compensation Accountability and Reform Act",

a/k/a the "Schwarzenegger Initiative", on the November ballot. *If that happens, you may be looking at the most expensive ballot initiative in history, one that WILL affect you BIG time!*

If the "Schwarzenegger Initiative" goes forward and passes in November, you will lose your "4850" time and ALL of your Workers' Comp presumptions! This would be terribly unfair to working men and women of law enforcement who literally risk life and limb to protect the lives and property of others. At this point, the current legislative negotiations PROTECT both "4850," and the peace officer presumptions, and that's why I'm anxious to report good news to you. I'll try to get you a Workers' Comp update *before* we go to press if I can, otherwise I'll update you next month.

Speaking of unfair, that is *exactly* what happened to former ALADS

member and Riverside Sheriffs' District Attorney Investigator, Dan Riter.

The "use a gun, go to jail" enhancement was enacted well over a decade ago to deal with the so called "L.A. freeway shootings" and the more widespread phenomenon of "drive-by" gang shootings. The law was intended to deter and discourage thugs from carrying and using firearms and engaging in indiscriminate firearm violence. It was aimed at criminal predators and gangsters and was roundly supported by the law enforcement community. ***This law was NEVER intended to be used to penalize a peace officer who, in good faith, was carrying out his duties.*** Yet Dan Riter, a well-respected 33-year law enforcement veteran of the Los Angeles Sheriffs' Department and the Riverside County District Attorney's office is now serving a seven year sentence - *five years of which were added to a two year sentence for involuntary manslaughter.*

It was an ordinary workday for Riverside District Attorney Investigator Dan Riter on February 1, 2002. He had to serve warrants to take custody of two children. He was involved in a confrontation over the children with a male in a truck who tried to run down Riter. In evading the truck, Riter's firearm

discharged - accidentally - but the bullet hit and killed the driver. Dan Riter was not a dangerous thug, or a gang banger with a drive-by target in mind. Dan Riter was a California peace officer who was acting in a lawful manner, carrying and using his weapon was part of his job.

It's one thing to deter thugs and criminals from using firearms, it's quite another to chill every peace officer in California with the prospect that, if they should ever make a mistake using a firearm in the line of duty, they will be treated just like the thugs and criminals that "use a gun, go to jail" was targeting. AB 2219 by Assemblymember Jay Le Suer creates a peace officer exemption in the "use a gun, go to jail." It will not protect any "rogue officers," as they are no better than the thugs and criminals, but it will protect future Dan Ritters - not from facing responsibility for their conduct - but from an unnecessary and harsh punishment.

The League will co-sponsor AB 2219, and it will be a top legislative priority for 2004. Nothing is as important as justice for peace officers, or more precisely, correcting the threat of an injustice to future peace officers.

Until next time, stay safe!

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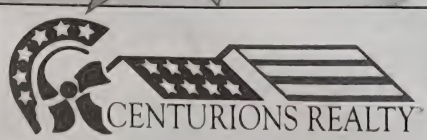


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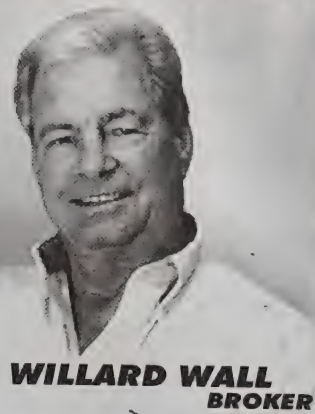
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the Parker FOUNDATION

"Parker Foundation Update"

by Sgt. Steven H. Williams

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation, established in 1966 as a tribute to the late Chief William H. Parker, is continuing to provide support to the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. The Foundation is comprised of Los Angeles civic and business members who have an interest in helping their police department.

The Foundation's original focus was to supplement the educational cost for command officers to obtain their advanced college degrees. During the mid-1970s to early '80s, the focus changed to providing equipment and training courses to all LAPD officers. The old adage "do more with less" was alive and well during that era and the

Parker Foundation switched gears to help a budget-struggling department obtain the necessary equipment and training.

Today, the Foundation provides most of its grants to detectives and specialized units like the Bomb Squad, Air Support, Dive Unit, SWAT Team, and Gang Units. We also fund individual divisional detectives and officers in the field. The Foundation, only on rare occasions, funds a grant to a lieutenant and above rank. The Board of Directors feel that the focus of the Foundation should go towards uniformed officers and detective ranks.

Recently, officers were provided a grant by the Foundation to attend "Major Conspiracy, Narcotics, and Vice Investigation Training Seminar" in Las Vegas, Nevada. During the seminar, they learned the latest techniques on pimp and prostitute culture, juvenile prostitu-



tion, money laundering and methamphetamine prosecution techniques.

The Foundation continues to do many exciting events and projects in the upcoming months. We would like to extend our thanks to Commander Paul M. Kim for his support to the Foundation's mission. Commander Kim introduced the Foundation to the Korean community and a partnership was formed to raise funds for the Foundation's continued mission. On March 11, 2004, the Korea Town Police Booster Association hosted a fundraising event at the Oxford Palace Hotel and the pro-

ceeds from the event were given to the Parker Foundation. We will be able to use the funds to provide more grants and equipment to the dedicated men and women of the LAPD.

The Foundation offices are located at the historic Police Academy and our office number is (213) 847-1226 and our Web site is www.lapdfoundation.com. Send us an e-mail parkerfoundation@sbcglobal.net and let us know your thoughts on the Foundation and our continued mission.

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LOS ANGELES POLICE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Behind the Badge: The LAPD Experience" Museum and Community Education Center



Then.... contributed by Art Sjoquist,
Captain LAPD (Retired)

LAPD History Quiz

This month I thought you might enjoy taking a little quiz concerning some of the more unusual and interesting happenings in LAPD history. I'll give you the answers at the bottom of the page, but look for more in-depth articles on each of these individuals and events in future issues of the Blue Line.

1. Who was promoted from the rank of Lieutenant directly to Chief of Police?
2. Did LAPD ever have a "Foreign Legion?"
3. What Los Angeles Mayor was the first mayor in the nation to be

recalled?

4. What Los Angeles Mayor resigned his office to lead a lynch mob?
5. Which one of our Chiefs of Police served twice?

See answer key at the end of article

Now.... contributed by Dave Dalton,
Executive Director, LA Police Historical Society

Exhibit Development

February 28, 1997 was a day of extraordinary courage and hellacious terror in the City of Los Angeles. At 9:00am North Hollywood Officers Loren Farrel and Martin Perello witnessed a robbery in progress at the Bank of America, 6600 Laurel Canyon Boulevard. The next 44 minutes would forever alter the lives of countless officers and private citizens as the streets of North Hollywood became a war zone. When the shooting stopped, 11 LAPD Officers had been injured (nine by gunfire), seven civilians had been injured (two by gunfire), eight police vehicles had been damaged (two destroyed by gunfire), over 1,100 rounds had been fired by the suspects, over 500 rounds had been fired by police officers at the scene, \$350,000 had been stolen and recovered, and the two suspects lay dead. Five police agencies and 350 officers were

ultimately involved.

The two perpetrators, Larry Phillips and Emil Matasareanu, both ex-cons with extensive violent criminal records, had come to the bank that morning with a death wish. Armed with five fully automatic assault rifles, a 9mm handgun, over 4,000 rounds of armor-piercing ammunition, a Molotov cocktail, a police scanner and full body armor—they obviously had more than robbery on their mind. This was further borne out by their actions; they entered the bank and immediately began firing indiscriminately—a classic take-over robbery by force and fear. Both had also ingested barbiturates prior to their arrival, so their actions were slow and deliberate. Their movements were purposeful—intended to draw attention



from responding officers. They brazenly left the bank and fired long, continual bursts of automatic gunfire at officers, helicopters and the surrounding neighborhood. When the terror ceased, Phillips had expired from 11 gunshot wounds (one self-inflicted to the head); Matasareanu had sustained 29 total wounds which ultimately proved fatal.

This incident, which impacted several aspects of how we do police work in Los Angeles, has now been meticulously recreated and dramatically presented in a new exhibit at the LAPD Museum. With the complete cooperation and support of Chief Bratton, Robbery-Homicide Division detectives, the District Attorney and City Attorney, and numerous other individuals, this exhibit has been brought to life. All of the weapons, ammo, body armor, and other items of evidence have been painstakingly displayed to re-create the horror that reigned upon the City of Angels on a day we will never forget. Also captured however, are the unheralded bravery and uncommon valor that triumphed that fateful day over evil incarnate! Custom-made, life-sized mannequins of the two suspects are completely outfitted with the clothing, body armor and actual weapons they possessed during this infamous event. The diorama in which they are showcased will cause the hair on your neck to bristle!

This is but one example of several professionally developed exhibits that are in progress at **your** Museum. The most important gallery exhibit we will ever develop, the **Fallen Heroes Tribute**, has been designed, but we need your assistance to help fund its creation! If every officer and civilian employee gave just **ten dollars** toward this exhibit, it would be fully funded. We each spend that much every day on lunch! Please consider a donation to LAPHs, and be generous! **These are our LAPD heroes;**

they deserve our best! Call (323) 344-9445 for information regarding a designated donation.

Numerous other exhibits are also being developed. We are currently displaying a special collection of infamous case studies in which Ray Pinker, Chief Forensic Specialist, lead the forensic investigation; Pinker's expertise and innovative investigative techniques earned the LAPD Crime Lab worldwide acclaim for over 40 years. A unique exhibit about S.I.S., a highly effective elite group of LAPD's unsung heroes, is also on display. In progress is a powerful exhibit depicting one of the most notorious urban terrorist groups in Los Angeles history—the Symbionese Liberation Army (S.L.A.); the Patricia Hearst kidnapping, the pipe bombs planted beneath police vehicles, the recent Kathleen Solaya arrest, trial and conviction, and the deadly shootout with LAPD in South Los Angeles in which the S.L.A. met its demise—all are part of this amazing, interactive portrayal. If you haven't yet visited **your** Museum, you should do so soon. And while you're here, become a member and help support the ongoing efforts to showcase LAPD's rich, colorful history.

Eleventh Annual Jack Webb Awards Dinner

This year's awards ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 30th**, at **6:00pm**, at the **Petersen Automotive Museum, 6060 Wilshire Boulevard**. We have selected an exciting theme for this year's event, "...from Horses to Helicopters." What better venue than the fabulous Petersen Museum to host such a theme-specific gathering to honor a distinguished slate of honorees. And the honorees are: **Ms. Leticia Aguilar**, Consumer Executive and Los Angeles Area President of Bank of America; **Marguerite "Mama J" Justice**, the first female Los Angeles Police Commissioner; **Mr. Foster S. Dennis**, Superintendent, California Paving and Grading Company; **Lt. Robert Green**, OIC, LAPD Bomb Squad; and **Mr. Paul Bardon**, Commanding Officer, Motor Transport Division. Each of these individuals has faithfully supported LAPD and the Los Angeles Police Historical Society in significant, meaningful ways; they have made a major difference in each of our lives!

By the way, if you know anyone who has an historic police vehicle tucked away somewhere, we would like to have them contact us. Any vintage—any type—reasonably good condition, that's what we need for display at the Jack Webb Awards this year. Contact LAPHs for details (323) 344-9445.

We're also changing the dress code for this year's event; instead of "black tie optional," business/cocktail attire will be acceptable. There's a fantastic slate of entertainment, gourmet dinner, silent and live auctions, and just tons of fun being planned. Don't miss this one! Put June 30th on your calendar now, and then call The Proper Image, Event Management, (818) 994-4661, to purchase your tickets, sponsorships, etc.

Answers to History Quiz

1. Arthur C. Hohmann (after serving as Chief he was demoted back to Lieutenant and then re-appointed directly to Deputy Chief).
2. Yes, otherwise known as the Border Patrol.
3. Frank Shaw.
4. Stephen C. Foster (after the successful lynching he was re-elected).
5. James E. Davis.

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Understanding the Dynamics of Positional or Restraint Asphyxia

By Michael P. Stone, Esq.

During the 1960 to 1980 period when I was directly involved in municipal policing, both as sworn member and as a police attorney, we were accustomed to dealing with PCP influence arrestees and other combative persons by restraining them and utilizing the common "hog-tie" method, or the more recent version, known as the "Total Appendage Restraint Procedure" ("TARP").

Development of the Restraint Procedures

The purpose and benefit of these restraint methods was simply to immobilize the arms, hands, legs and feet of violently resistive or combative arrestees. Also, those who by virtue of their ingestion of hallucinogenic, mind-altering or desensitizing chemicals needed to be "rendered safe" for transportation in a police car, by virtual immobilization of body limbs that might otherwise be employed to assault or resist officers or to flee from arrest or containment. Anyone who has ever confronted a "duster" (a person who is under the influence of PCP or "angel dust") knows that so long as the person's "appendages" remain unrestrained and unsecured, he or she constitutes a serious physical threat, regardless of size, weight and age differentials.

In the quest for a quick and simple method to restrain and secure such persons, law enforcement officers were trained in two basic control techniques: (1) the "swarm" or "gang tackle," and (2) the application of the "hog-tie" or "TARP" procedure to restrain and secure arms, hands, legs and feet. This required only one pair of handcuffs fastened to the person's wrists secured behind his back, combined with a short cord or lanyard looped around the person's ankles and secured to the handcuffs by a closed snap-hook attached to the end of the cord or lanyard. The short length of the cord or lanyard guaranteed that the person's ankles, now tightly bound together with the loop, would be situated about six to ten inches from the closed snap-hook attached to the handcuffs. The tension created thereby would cause the loop around the ankles to tighten, and the ankles and feet to be drawn closer to the buttocks, if the person pulled his handcuffed hands and wrists upward or away from the feet and ankles.

Conversely, the restraint device caused the handcuffs to pull down sharply and painfully if the person tried to move his feet and ankles downward or away from handcuffed wrists and hands.

It was a near-perfect restraint technique. The person was most often left resting on his abdomen and chest, or loaded onto the backseat of the police car in the same position for transportation. Nobody thought that the restraint procedure was particularly or unusually dangerous or injurious to the arrestee.

But then in the '80s and '90s the alarm was sounded following investigation of sudden and unexplained "in-custody deaths." The term "positional asphyxia" became as common to the police vocabulary as "contact and cover" and "target acquisition." Agencies began barring officers from using the "hog-tie" and "TARP" procedure because the restraint methods were believed to be implicated in a fair number of sudden and unexpected custody deaths. It was believed that by pulling the arms back to the small of the back, together with pulling the ankles and feet toward the handcuffed wrists, and then "positioning" the "hog-tied" person on his abdomen and chest, whether upon the sidewalk, or upon the bench-style backseat of the police car, or

upon the gurney in the ambulance, restrained persons—especially obese or heavy individuals—were exposed to unnecessary risk of injury or death. It was believed that the person's body weight, together with the "rocking horse" positioning, would cause the chest to compress to the extent that the person could not breathe, and would suffocate without notice to the officers, leading to cardiac arrest and death. But, "excited delirium" and cocaine-induced cardiac arrest also figured prominently in many in-custody deaths.

However, with the widely-embraced ban on these restraint procedures, we believed that "positional asphyxia" was the problem that led to many of these deaths.

Medical professionals, particularly emergency room doctors and pathologists, weighed in on both sides of the developing controversy. Some embraced the idea that "positional asphyxia" was a probable outcome if a totally-restrained person were left even momentarily on his or her abdomen and chest.

Others concluded that the restraint procedure was not the culprit. Rather it was "excited delirium," cocaine-induced sudden death or preexisting heart or respiratory conditions that were mostly responsible for these deaths. Despite some medical research papers during the late 1990s, which opined that "police hog-tie procedures" do not cause these sudden in-custody deaths, law enforcement policymakers, as well as oversight boards and commissions, were determined to erase the "hog-tie" and "TARP" restraint procedures from the patrol officers' catalogue of options to deal with violently combative, assaultive and unpredictable behaviors.

The Death Causation Controversy

So we come to the central questions presented in this paper: (1) Do total restraint procedures cause "positional" or "restraint" asphyxia?; (2) If not, what is the explanation for these sudden in-custody deaths?

I think it is safe to say that the total restraint procedures do not, by themselves, cause death. Rather, the procedures do place the arrestee in a dangerous situation as a consequence of the positioning of his or her immobilized body.

But if we examine the dynamics of positional or restraint asphyxia, we can see how the "total restraint procedure" is conducive to loss of the ability to breathe sufficiently enough to sustain life.

The Dynamics of Positional and Restraint Asphyxia

But here is the real point of this paper: Any restraint procedure that forces the trunk and upper legs and the lumbar and thoracic parts of the back of a prone person downward and inward, bear an impermissible risk of asphyxia. This includes the "gang-tackle" and "swarm" techniques.

If we analyze and understand the dynamics of the asphyxia event itself, we can readily see why these various techniques should be discouraged.

Although it is certainly not the first sudden in-custody death case we have reviewed or litigated, a recent matter we handled makes an excellent case in point that death can be caused by the use of these procedures.

This is the situation: An otherwise normal and healthy young man in his late twenties suffered from bipolar or manic-depressive disorder. If properly medicated, he could successfully accommodate his affliction and get along reasonably well in life. But if his daily medications (including Lithium)

were not properly renewed and given, he would rapidly deteriorate and constitute a serious risk, threat or liability (termed "decompensation"). It developed that this fellow, while incarcerated and deprived continuously for two to three weeks of his daily medications, did predictably suffer a substantial psychotic breakdown, following several days of "notice" by prison staff, that he was in increasingly acute need of medication.

This triggered a single episode of violently aggressive behaviors. The guards sought to restrain him sufficiently so that he could be transferred to the institution's psychiatric ward.

In an effort to restrain him safely for transport, guards applied a crude form of the "gang tackle" technique and quickly moved to handcuff his wrists behind his back and apply "leg irons." But even after the restraints were in place, he continued to thrash about on the concrete floor in a prone position.

Wishing to further immobilize the young man, the guards (about five) applied a combination of body weight and forceful pressure to his back, trunk and legs, while one guard stepped on the chain between the ankle restraints. Even after the prisoner quit moving, they held him there until an EMT arrived.

The EMT directed the guards to "roll him over" for a quick preliminary exam. When they did, they saw that his face and head were dark blue or purple in color. He had no pulse. CPR failed to revive him. Although temporarily resuscitated later in the prison E.R. and transported to a local trauma center by Code 3 ambulance, the young man expired. It is believed the cause of death was positional or restraint asphyxia—yet no "hog-tie" or "TARP" method was used. It appears most likely that he suffocated during the approximately three- to seven-minute period of restraint, while most of his body was being forced down by considerable weight and pressure over his back, trunk and legs.

Understanding how this can occur requires a little understanding of the mechanics of human respiration or breathing.

Everyone understands that the breathing requires the inhalation of oxygen-laden air. In order to expand the chest and lungs to accommodate the air coming in, the diaphragm moves downward, displacing for a second or two the abdominal viscera downward. The chest and lungs are then permitted to expand. Now, if due to external weight, force and pressure, the chest and lung area cannot expand sufficiently to pull in enough air, the person may be on his or her way to dying. If the external forces continue to be applied at the same or greater level, and the person exhales, those forces will further decrease the space inside the lungs and chest, allowing less and less air to be taken in. With each exhalation, the force and weight compress the space even more. The person is likely panic-stricken because he cannot breathe. He may thrash around even more, so that more force is required to hold him steady. Thus, suffocation comes more rapidly. This is the so-called "python effect," where breathing is continuously suppressed and the person loses consciousness. Cardiac arrest follows quickly. This scenario demonstrates that in-custody deaths from restraint asphyxia can occur even without any restraint methods or hardware applied. The problem is that sufficient compression of the trunk, legs, abdomen and chest can make it impossible to breathe. In fact, pressure and weight applied to the small of the

back may cause the abdominal viscera to remain immovable, so the diaphragm cannot push down to permit the chest and lungs to expand.

A recent published opinion of an appellate court upholding liability against deputies for positional or restraint asphyxia death, featured excerpts of the testimony of Dr. John Cooper, M.D., a forensic pathologist. The court found this expert testimony to be compelling and to support the jury's determination of liability based upon the manner of death:

"For one thing he is face down in...a prone position [and, as the videotape made by the deputies shows], his face is against the ground. And at one point one of the officers has a knee on his head...So there is probably some small element [...] in this case of actual obstruction of the airways...[T]hat is not the main problem here.

The main problem...is that the chest has to expand or we can't breathe. And there [are] several elements of chest expansion. And in this case, there is a big need for breathing because the subject is very agitated, worked up, and he is burning a lot of energy.

...The diaphragm—when we breathe in, the diaphragm moves down—to create kind of a vacuum and the air comes into the lungs. But when we are excited and we are working and fighting for air, then we also use what are known as the intercostals muscles which are the muscles between the ribs. So between the diaphragm and the costal muscles, we create this bigger space that air's being flow[n] into and flown out of.

"In this kind of mechanical asphyxia, the problem is, first of all, the prone position makes it a little bit difficult, and then you've got some degree of weight of the officers [with] at least one of them...kneeling on his chest [sic] and that compromises the ability of the chest to expand by action of the intercostals muscles. We are also dealing with a fairly large person with...quite a bit of contents [in] his abdominal cavity which tend to, if you are in a prone position, tends to push the diaphragm up and not allow the diaphragm to come down.

*"Being forced down in a prone position pushes...all contents up further against the diaphragm. So this is really our main problem, and this is the primary problem in that the chest can't expand diaphragmatically and it can't expand with intercostals muscle action. Finally, then we have the hands behind, and then we are bringing the legs up locking and tying them to the hands of this hog-tying procedure, which by immobilizing the shoulders in this way, it just accentuates these other elements of the chest not being able to *792 expand.*

And that is why the hog-tying procedure is so dangerous because it really locks in that fixedness of the chest cavity. And so this is what positional asphyxia is..." Nelson v. County of Los Angeles (2003) 113 Cal. App. 4th 783, 791-792.

The Lessons

- 1 Regardless of the technique or device used to restrain and immobilize the person if it is necessary to place him or her in a prone position, get the wrists and legs restrained as quickly as possible, and then roll the person onto the side or back, so that breathing will continue unimpaired.
- 2 If possible, restrain and secure the

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Restraint Asphyxia

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person while he or she is supine, not prone.

3. One team member, preferably a supervisor, needs to remain somewhat disengaged so that he or she can orally direct the others. Team members must permit the leader to coordinate efforts.
4. Always assign at least one team member to safely and carefully monitor the person and watch for any changes in breathing and consciousness.
5. Have a plan; have a backup plan. Make sure an EMT or paramedic is close by or on the way to you.
6. Any employment of this restraint technique should be individually documented by each team member, and immediately reviewed by an *uninvolved* supervisor. The investigation should follow the customary "use of force" investigation protocol.

7. In cases where the restrained person continues to struggle even after wrist and leg restraints are in place, and it is necessary to transport the person to a medical facility on a gurney or long backboard, soft four-point restraints (such as gauze) can be snugly fastened to the gurney or backboard to keep the person safely immobilized on his or her back in a supine position. If transport is to be in the police car, keep the person sitting up, not laying on the chest and abdomen.
8. Consult with local paramedics or EMT personnel to devise protocols and methods for handling these difficult situations. These professionals are trained in how to restrain violent persons without impairing breathing.
9. Remain alert to developing use of force and restraint methodology to make sure agency members are taught in accord with the currently-accepted policies and techniques.

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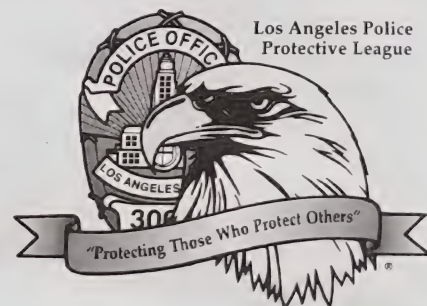
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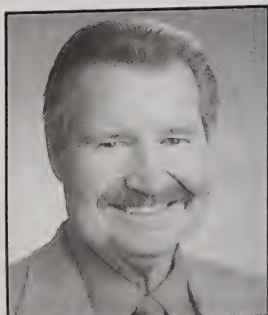


Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Chief William Bratton and League Director Ted Hunt at the opening of League's College Fair, held at the Elysian Park Academy, March 30, 2004.

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Hero Appreciation Network



Month of March: Hero Appreciation by Mayor Hahn

Mayor Hahn and Councilman Dennis Zine issued a proclamation regarding the Hero Appreciation Network (HAN).

Officer Ken Crawford, who is also an LAPD Chaplin, is the president of the organization.

One of the goals of the HAN is to provide scholarships to deserving young children in the community in the name of officers who have been killed in the line of duty, thus continuing to honor the memory of our brave officers.

The Hero Appreciation Networks is a faith-based initiative, which is funded by private contributions, not tax money. It is a collaborative effort between the ecumenical clergy and congregations along with police, fire and military personnel.

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Officer, Go to the Mall and Find Us Some Jurors!

By Judge Ross Klein

Occasionally we will hear about a judge who, in desperate need of jurors, sends a bailiff out into the community to find "volunteers" to immediately serve on a jury. The question invariably arises, "Can the judge do that?" The answer is yes.

The Sixth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, section 16 of the California Constitution guarantee a jury that is drawn from a fair cross-section of the community.

California Code of Civil Procedure provides guidance in summoning jurors to complete a jury panel. Section 211 states that when a court has no prospective jurors available from the jury commissioner, and not proceeding with jury voir dire will jeopardize a party's right to a jury trial, "the court may direct the sheriff or marshal to summon, serve, and immediately attach the person of a sufficient number of citizens having the qualifications of jurors to complete the panel."

Longstanding case law has upheld this statute. In *Bruner v. Superior Court* (1891) 92 Cal. 239, the Supreme Court stated that when there is an insufficient number of jurors, the court may direct the sheriff "forthwith to summon so many good and lawful men of the county or city to serve as jurors." In *People v. Sehorn* (1897) 116 Cal. 503, there were 30 jurors initially ordered for the murder trial. Realizing that additional jurors were needed, the judge immediately summoned more jurors. The Supreme Court held that the judge validly exercised his authority and may obtain jurors from the county at large unless there has been a gross abuse of discretion.

This judicial authority applies in civil cases as well. In *Anderson v. Southern Pacific Company* (1933) 129 Cal App

206, an individual was employed by Southern Pacific and was killed in a railroad accident. The administratrix of the estate filed an action to recover. On the day that the trial was to begin, only 11 prospective jurors were present. The defense attorney agreed to conduct voir dire pending the arrival later in the day of additional individuals brought by the sheriff to augment the original panel; plaintiff's counsel objected. Additional "volunteers" were located for the afternoon's proceedings. The plaintiff's attorney objected, asking to trail the case until the next day when additional jurors from the "regular" panel could be present. The objection was overruled, and the jury eventually found for the decedent's employer. The Court of Appeal approved of this process, confirmed the judgment and stated that a party must make a timely objection to the jurors selected if it is felt that the sheriff was biased or if there was an irregularity of the sheriff's acts.

On appeal, the defendant is deemed to have waived his right to object to certain jurors for claimed bias if the defendant still has preemptory challenges available at the time that he accepts the jury: "...errors committed in overruling challenges for cause are not grounds of reversal, unless it be shown an objectionable juror was forced upon the challenging party after he had exhausted his preemptory challenges." (*People v. Slaughter* (1917) 33 Cal App 365, 369-70.)

A defendant may want to challenge the racial composition jury because it does not represent a cross-section of the community. To do so, he may not challenge the makeup of an individual panel, but must instead challenge the entire panel. He must show that the panel itself is selected in such a manner that a distinctive group in the community is systematically excluded in the jury selection process. (*People v. De Rosans* (1994) 27 Cal App 4th 611.) ♦

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Pregnancy Cannot Preclude Promotion

By Larry Hanna, Esq.

As we all know, the Los Angeles Police Department has had a penchant for denying officers the right to promote for just about every reason possible. From past discipline, disabilities, military leave, and promotion freezes, it is amazing that anyone has been able to promote over the years. But recently one form of discrimination, that of pregnancy discrimination, was finally confronted and vanquished forever.

The Department had for many years held a position that a pregnant officer who was off either on disability or pregnancy leave could not be promoted. The Department believed that an officer had to be physically at work to be qualified for promotion. This policy, though not written in any policy or law, was followed by the Department to the detriment of untold numbers of officers. It never came to the forefront of our collective minds either, because the offended officer didn't complain or she was promoted after she returned from being off duty.

In 2002, the law firm of Fullerton & Hanna was retained by the League to confront this policy head-on. Darcey Greenfield, officer, had complained to the League that she was on the detective promotional list but was off on pregnancy leave. She was advised by the Department that she would be passed over on the promotional list until and unless she returned from her leave. Once she returned, the Department would consider her promotion unless the list had expired. In that case, she was just out of luck.

Fullerton & Hanna, on behalf of this officer, confronted the Department and advised them that their policy violated the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code §12940 et seq. The case was directly in line with a well-known lawsuit filed and won by actress Hunter Tylo in 1993. Tylo, who had starred in the daytime soap opera "The Bold and the Beautiful," was offered and accepted a major role, not yet formulated, in the nighttime soap opera "Melrose Place." In preparation for the new role, Tylo quit her role in the daytime show and

began accepting commercial endorsements based on her new position. Several months later, Tylo became pregnant and immediately notified the producers of "Melrose Place" of her condition so that they may consider it in formulating her character. To her dismay, the producers immediately terminated her, causing her great financial harm.

Tylo was successful in her action and firmly planted the notion that no person can be discriminated against based on the disability of pregnancy. Using this as a basis for an action against the Department, Fullerton & Hanna filed a discrimination suit against the city of Los Angeles to once and for all dispel the notion that the Department can discriminate as it sees fit.

In negotiating the issues of the case, it became apparent to the Department that their policy was archaic and unlawful. It was eventually agreed upon that the plaintiff officer would receive substantial monetary damages, her promotion to detective, and most importantly, an agreement from the Department that they would no longer discriminate based on pregnancy. In the settlement agreement, it was agreed, "The city represents that the Los Angeles Police Department does not discriminate against pregnant officers. Pregnant officers can promote and will not be taken off the promotion list due to pregnancy. A pregnancy officer shall have all the rights and benefits accorded to any other officer."

This was a small victory for one officer, but typifies the battles won by the League that will eventually win the war of fairness for all its members. This is but one of many issues of discrimination and unfairness that officers are faced with every day. As one of its main functions, the League searches out and confronts such issues when identified. Other issues, such as Brady Letters, other disability discrimination, and administrative reassignments (pay grade demotions) are currently being confronted and fought by your League. Your dues are being well spent for the good of all members. These fights are time consuming and costly. But fairness is a hard fought reality and we all need to stick together to reach this goal. ❖



BOOK Review

Review of Homicide Special by Miles Corwin

By Det. John Miller, #13738, Hollywood Homicide (Yeah, I'm one of the old timers)

I must say that I enjoyed reading this book. Since I have been around a while, I know most of the detectives that were mentioned in it. It's obvious that Mr. Corwin has a close relationship with the detectives in his book. He knows them and he respects the hard work that they do to prepare a case for the District Attorney's Office. A few literary licenses aside, he gives a fair and accurate story that is both interesting and informative. Since most of his accounts are fresh in the minds of most readers, he must be accurate in his portrayal of the facts and the rumors that surround the

facts. In this respect, Mr. Corwin excels. I read the cases he presented very carefully and they all seemed to contain the "facts and nothing but the facts."

As I read the different cases he presented, I was amazed at how much work it takes to really bring a case to its final conclusion. Not only must the investigation have enough probable cause to get the District Attorney to file charges, the detective must be satisfied that he has represented the victim in the most honest way. I think Mr. Corwin brought these points out in his book. I didn't care much for the fact that several cases were presented and then skipped to make room for another case. I understand that this is a writing style. It's just hard to follow. Also I hope that the reputation of the Los Angeles Police Department doesn't rest on just one or two cases. ❖

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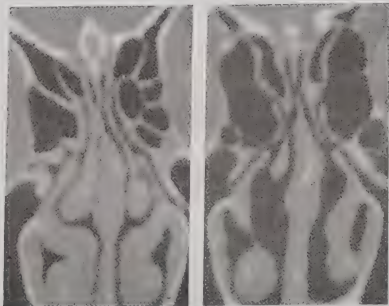
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Memorial for Frank Warren House, 78

By John House



Frank Warren House, 78, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Tuesday, March 2, 2004. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a World War II veteran and a Purple Heart recipient. He was attached to the 5th Marine Division, 27th Regiment and landed on Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. He was wounded in action on February 21, 1945, and shipped stateside for recovery. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1948 and was assigned to the Hollywood Division. During this time he met and married the love of his life, Renee. In June, 1958, they welcomed their first child, a son named Michael. In May, 1964, their second son arrived named John. Finally, in November, 1966, they were blessed with a baby girl, Ruth. He retired from the Harbor Division in 1976 and moved his family to Encinitas, California.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Renee in 1996. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Betty House of Pleasant Hills, California, mother-in-law Estelle Payne of Torrance, son and daughter-in-law Mike and Robin House of Vista, California, son and daughter-in-law John and Chelsea House of Encinitas, daughter and son-in-law Ruth and Ken Laag of Temecula, California, grandchildren Ashley, Lauren, Branden, Kaylee and Mackenzie as well as numerous other loving family members.

He will forever be in our hearts. May one good cop rest in peace. ❖

Poet's Corner

The Man in Blue

PSR Caressa Andreas
(submitted by LAPD Reggie Mendenhall)

He gives her a kiss as he leaves for the day.

Leans down to kiss the little one, wishing he could stay.

He slips into the blue uniform proudly and looks into the mirror,
Straightens out the medal badge and puts on the face of "no fear."

Gets into his vehicle and drives thru his beat,

He helps several citizens and hasn't yet had a chance to eat.

He keeps his head up high as he heads to his next call,

He feels the needs of the people are much more greater
and his are minute and small.

It's almost the end of shift as he begins to start heading back.

Thinking about getting home and tucking his little one into the sack.

Suddenly a shot rings out and everything gets dark.

His partner puts out a call for help and puts the vehicle into park.

He holds his partner in his arms and tells him it's okay.

Please tell my wife and son I love them," his partner begins to pray.

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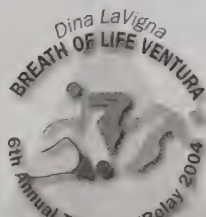
He remembers the day they said, "I do" and the sound of his son's first cry.

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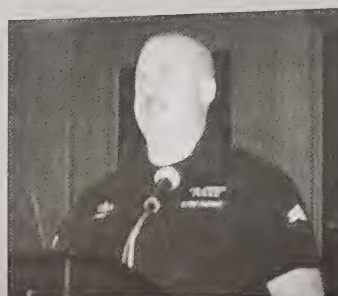
L.A. District Attorney Steve Cooley.



LAPD Detectives, Rosemary Sanchez and Dennis Kilcoyne.



League Director Peter Repovich and Detective Dennis Kilcoyne.



LAPD Detective Paul Robi, Bomb Technician, addresses the Delegates on Evidentiary Considerations and Tactics in Bombing Investigations.

Career Employee Karen Trimble Passes Away

by Sgt. Michael Apodaca
Department Wellness Coordinator

On March 19, 2004, Management Analyst II Karen Trimble lost her three-year battle with cancer. Karen had made a valiant return to duty, powered by her pride, integrity and grit that she was so well known for. A career LAPD employee, Karen served the police department for 31 years. First hired in 1973 as a Clerk Typist, Karen was assigned to Northeast Division. Karen promoted to Management Analyst II with stops along the way at Personnel Division, Administrative Narcotics, Accident Investigation Division, Records and Identification Division, Anti-terrorist Division, Nar-

and role model respected by all. Karen was known for being willing to take on tasks most of us would want to avoid. Draped in varied and vast experience, Karen was an employee that others could turn to when they needed direction, guidance, or a historical perspective to complete a project. In all respects, Karen was a coworker we would all want to be teamed with.

The friends and close relationships that Karen developed as a member of the LAPD were very evident at services held in her honor in Pasadena. The chapel was filled to capacity leaving many attendees standing. Several coworkers and friends spoke providing a snapshot of a wonderful woman who had touched

so many lives in a much too brief life. In all they agreed that Karen made their lives much richer. Antonia Diaz of the Ombuds office said, "Karen would bend over backwards for you." This

capsulized Karen's dedication to LAPD and her many friends.

We will dearly miss Karen. She was one of those people that make the LAPD a family.

Karen's father Eugene wanted to thank all of his daughter's friends for coming to honor "a beautiful woman." ♦



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At each of her assignments Karen was described as an outstanding employee

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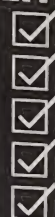
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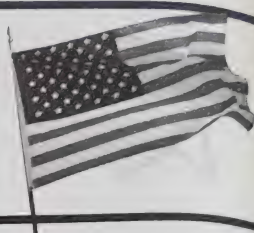


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Commander's Message

Dear Comrades: Not only has another month flown by, but my year as commander is rapidly coming to a close. Because of the speed in which my tour of duty is passing, I have begun working with our next commander to assist him in hitting the ground running. Before I talk about next year's events, I want to discuss last month's meeting and the final two big events for this year's Post Office holders.

Our March meeting was well attended by many of the familiar faces and a few new and old ones as well. We were treated to a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner with all the trimmings. During the official business portion of the evening, we discussed the recent tragic event of one of our fellow comrades, Officer **Gascon**. If you read the last month's article, you learned about P.O. I Santiago Gascon of Rampart Division. He was involved in a serious motorcycle accident as he approached the Elysian Park Police Academy for training in February, 2004. (Editor's Note: Due to the efforts of the Department, League Director Luther Lutz, and others, Officer Gascon's accident was determined to be IOD.) I briefed the members present at the meeting on Gascon's serious but stable condition, a motion was made to pass the "cap" to collect donations for him and his family. Following that motion, another motion was made to make a contribution from our "general fund." Both motions overwhelmingly passed and were carried out. The generosity in the room was heartwarming and made you proud to be associated with all organizations represented. The general funds raised were mailed to the Gascon family without fanfare. If you or anyone you know would like to assist this former Marine, American Legionnaire and proud Police Officer and his family, please contact Rampart Station at (213) 485-4060.

I mentioned there are two remaining

Post functions that fall under the current regime's watch. The first one is our Pre-State Convention steak-fry at the Elysian Park Academy on June 8, 2004. This is always a well-attended function, and I encourage as many comrades as possible to join us this year. The steak-fry is free and the food is outstanding. The other event is the American Legion Annual Convention, which will be held in Redding, Calif., on June 24-28. I understand

that due to the distance involved, many of our local active members will not be making the trip north. Therefore, I highly encourage as many comrades as possible to come out and partake in the aforementioned steak-fry. If each regular attendee invites one other Post member, we can double that crowd and have twice as much fun. I also want to get our members to start thinking about next year and the Post's 75th anniversary.

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LAPD Send Support To Our Troops

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is making May "Support Our Troops" month. During this month, we are asking all commands in the LAPD to write cards and letters to our fellow employees that are assigned overseas as a means of showing our support for them. Many of us know a friend or family member that is serving our country overseas. Some of us have served in earlier wars and know what it means to receive a letter from home. So here is an opportunity to show your support without much interruption from your busy schedule.

On May 1, 2004, join us at the LAPD Celebrity Golf Tournament. A booth will be provided where you can send a quick note of support.

If you have any questions, please contact Officer Dennis DeNai at (213) 473-8871 or Sgt. Andrea Grossman at (213) 485-4154.

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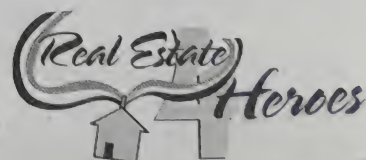
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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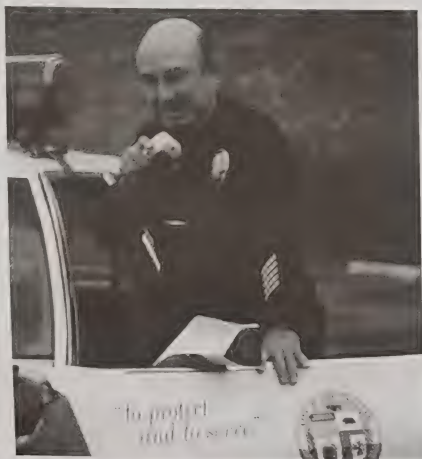


By Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Hope your April went well and that those of you that made the trip to Vegas for the annual Challenge Cup Relay had a safe return. Now that we are into the new baseball season, can we say: "Go Dodger Blue!"

END OF WATCH:

I am saddened to report that a long-tenured Hollenbeck retired Reserve Officer has passed on. Reserve Officer **Paul D. Martinez Sr.**, who served the citizens of Los Angeles for over 42 years, passed away on March 9th, 2004. Officer Martinez had the distinction of being the first Reserve Officer to receive an official reserve retirement badge upon his retirement, being honored with badge #R001. Officer Mar-



Reserve Officer Paul D. Martinez Sr.

tinez was interred at Rose Hills Memorial Park in the City of Whittier and is survived by two active Hollenbeck Reserve Officers, Line Reserve **Paul Martinez Jr.** and Specialist Reserve **Vincent Martinez.**

MILESTONE:

On March 13th, the class of 3-84, of which yours truly is a member of, got together to celebrate reaching that 20-year milestone. The event, put together by Sgt. **Barbara Hodgin**, took place at the Queen Mary, where we had gotten together twenty years earlier for our



Class of 3-84.

academy graduation party, as fresh recently-graduated green rookies. It was wonderful getting together with all our classmates and learning what has become of everyone in the class with the passage of time. Now that we are all really off probation, we plan to get together again in five years. Barbara, thank you so much for taking the time to get us all together and for all the hard work you had to put in while doing so.

TRAINING UNIT:

The Hollenbeck Training Unit (particularly **Mando Flores**) has been bugging me to mention them in my column and to put their picture in the Blue Line. I have repeatedly told them that I need for them to do something newsworthy (or at least do some work) so I can mention their unit. Well, I am still waiting



Hollenbeck Training Unit.

and they have yet to do much. However, I am tired of hearing them complain about me never putting their picture in, so here it is. There, will you guys leave me alone now?

INFORMATION NEEDED:

As you read this, you will notice that it is an extremely short column. I need input from all of you in order to keep this going. Please forward me any and all information that you would like to see included in the monthly Hollenbeck article. You may e-mail this information to me, along with any corresponding photos, to 24555@lapd.lacity.org.

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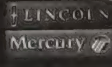
This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Oscar** "The Amazing Laziny" **Casini**. Now that's a great disappearing act. Code-1, Oscar! ❖

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(Note: Names and Ranks of award recipients provided by Department Program of the Event).

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

"Superfly" Gets Entangled in a Metal Web

In early March, Officer **Luke Walden** and his trusty partner, Officer **Walter Boyd**, were working Devonshire unit 17Z23. During their shift, another Devonshire unit went in pursuit of a forger suspect who also happened to be driving a stolen vehicle. Never allowing action and adventure to pass them by, Luke and Walter "tactically" got into the pursuit. The pursuit terminated on the 101 Freeway at Vermont Avenue. The suspect, thinking he could get away

from the long arm of the law, fled on foot across the freeway and into a state storage area located in the middle of the freeway. Luke and Walter were hot on the trail of the suspect in foot pursuit. Finally, Luke caught the suspect, and, with other officers at scene, safely took him into custody.

It was then that Luke noticed that his trusty partner was not by his side. Looking to his rear, he saw that Walter was tangled up in razor wire in an awkward position. Carefully and with a cool demeanor, Walter self-extracted himself from his predicament and after a few stitches at a local hospital, was fit to return to duty.

We see the dynamic duo in the photo ready to go out into the night.



Tough Mom and Dad

On November 24, 2003, little Joseph Fernandes came into this wild and crazy world. The son of Officer **Ben**



Fernandes and his wife Christina, Joseph weighed an incredible 10 lbs., 3 oz. In fact, the baby did not want to come out during the delivery. Being the tough lady that she is, Christina turned to Ben as he was to the point of passing out and told him, "Don't pass out or you'll have to deal with me!" With this said, Ben kept alert through the ordeal and Christina went on to have a successful delivery.

Baby Joseph is seen in the accompanying photo. Best wishes to the Fernandes family.

Play by Play Reports From the Front Lines of the Baker to Vegas Race

By the time you read this issue of the *Blue Line*, the Baker to Vegas race will be history. Due to writing articles one month in advance because of publishing deadlines, the real story of the race will be out in the June issue.

In order to get accurate information to the Devonshire readers of this big city police publication, I have amassed an army of spies, informants, and people who love to tattle tale on others. In doing so, I will have all the scoop on the Devonshire running team and how they really did at the race. You will get the real story on Officer **Louis "The Cuban King of Bling Bling" Cabrera** and what his secret is to staying fit and being able to run while wearing gold chains and Bruno Malis. You will also be getting the inside scoop from none other than the team captain himself, **Bob Lequin**. This will happen by me listening to him while he talks in his sleep at his desk in CRO. So stay tuned for an action packed behind-the-scenes report.

PRDeez Notes

by Adam N. Broderick
Planning and Research Division

H & G's (hi's and good-byes)

Last month we bid adieu to Sergeant **Ron Crump** from the Evaluations Unit and Officer **Terry Klafke** from Special Projects Unit. One is headed out to the ocean air; the other headed into the asbestos air. Good luck to both in your new ventures. Oh, and Sarge, don't forget the sunscreen.

Other Stuff

A 2004 Department Manual may finally be printed by this summer. It has been a tremendous undertaking and if you ask **Steve Hwang**, he did it all by himself. Just kidding Steve, but not really. Actually it was a collaborative effort by everyone, both east and west, so we all get a round of applause.

Dave "Go Dodgers" Mejia is setting up a divisional game day. The more, the merrier so get off your duff and give him

a call. And while you're up, would you order me some nachos? That'd be great, thanks.

MUD days... 'nuff said.

The 1st Annual (Brad Merritt) Charity Motorcycle Competition will be taking place in front of PAB on May 4th. Proceeds will benefit the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. It will be an all day event including a motorcycle show and BBQ lunch so come check it out. All motorcycles are welcomed, enter your bike to win certificates such as Best in Show, the COP's Award and even the Most Likely to Receive A Citation Award. And always remember to keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up.

Mysteries Revealed

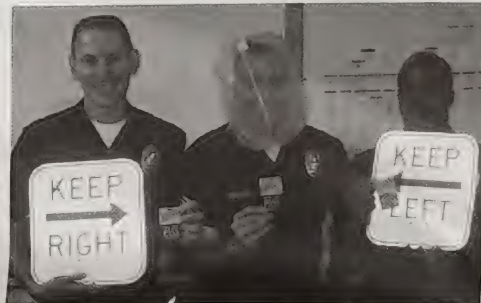
What qualifies someone as a hero? Apparently, watching the news everyday during Code-7 does. We all know there were some tough times during the past year, but who are we to turn down free tickets? It's our duty as Americans to push this economy forward by paying exorbitant prices for parking, food and souvenirs at California's great amusement parks. See you in line this summer!

Recruitment Drive

I am looking into my crystal ball and I see a mass exodus in the near future. Once this freeze is lifted, there are



Isn't there a height requirement for the rides?



All signs point to madness.

going to be spots o' plenty up in here. Start getting your 15.88s ready and

stay tuned. Until next time...C-ya.



by Thomas Mason
West Valley Division

Employees of the Quarter

The following employees were named as Area employees of the Quarter, **Police Officer III Robert Villegas**, **Detective II Jerry Holtz**, and **Police Service Representative II Micheline Slinkard**. Rob Villegas has been assigned to West Valley since 1998 and has been assigned to patrol, the bicycle detail, and as an acting Senior Lead Officer. Rob's easy going demeanor and great sense of humor are two of his greatest assets. Jerry Holtz has been a long time narcotic detective assigned to West Valley Area. He is an exceptional narcotic's detective and is a great person to be around. Mich Slinkard is West Valley Area's Subpoena Control Officer and has done a fantastic job. She provides the officers and detectives with up-to-date information regarding on-going cases and notifies them when they are not needed. Our congratulations to all three.

A few months ago, **Police Officer III Suzy Carnahan** was involved in an off-duty traffic collision in which she suf-

fered critical injuries. Thankfully, she is recovering at home and has asked for any used book on tapes to listen to while she is recuperating. **Police Service Representative Margaret Taylor** recently went off with IOD surgery and is recovering at home. If you know Margaret, please give her a call to curtail her boredom.

New Kid on the Block

Police Officer I Carlos Amaya is the proud father of a new PO .5, Alec Amaya, born on March 14, 2004. Alec's Academy size is 7 lbs. 5oz's, and 20 inches. Amaya took just a few days to bond before returning to work. Congratulations to the Amaya family.

Officers helping Officers

Last month it was reported that West Valley Area employees came to the assistance of **Police Officer Lizarraga** and **Police Officer Gascon**, Rampart Area, with monetary donations. The **West Valley Area BOOSTERS** also came to the assistance of both officers with donations of \$250.00 to each family. The BOOSTERS also purchased a water cooler for the weight room. Thank you BOOSTERS for your support.

West Valley Area Reunion

The Second Annual West Valley Area Reunion will be held on Friday, June 4, from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. A barbecued meal of hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. There will also be a presentation by Facilities Management Division on the progress of the station. Stop by and see old friends and meet new ones.



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VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Recent Events

On March 7, personnel from the Van Nuys Area Community Police Station ran 26.2 miles in the 19th Annual Los Angeles Marathon. Congratulations go out to Sergeant **Steven Gottschalk**, Detective **Ron Von Gober**, PSR **Stacy**



Officer Lydia Grzelkowska again completed the LA Marathon beating her time of last year. Lydia also had eight Van Nuys Explorers run with her. Way to go Lydia!

Ball and eight Van Nuys Explorers on completing such a great accomplishment. Way to go!

Suspect Sends Flowers to Officers

In January, Officers **Sandra Platero** and **Lisa Vasquez** booked a male suspect for felony evading. On Valentines Day, two huge bouquets of red roses arrived at the front desk for these two fine officers. The card that arrived with the roses was from the man they booked for felony evading. He wished the officers a Happy Valentines Day, thanked them for being so nice to him, wished them a good year and said he never met police like them before. He also promised that he would never flee from L.A.'s finest ever again. Wouldn't it be nice if all suspects were this pleasant?



Locked In

Night watch Detective **Kevin Stogsdill** and his partner were called out to investigate a crime when Stogsdill realized that he needed to use the rest room. He tried the door of a nearby laundromat and discovered that the door

was open. He found the rest room and later found out that the door locked automatically and he was locked inside. The alarm went off and practically woke up the whole neighborhood. A unit responded to the code 30 ringer and deployed their shotgun after observing a male inside waving his arms around. Stogsdill's partner alerted the officers that it was not a 459 suspect, but his partner. It was later discovered that the man inside was our very own Detective Stogsdill locked inside. Better "lock" next time!

Van Nuys Basketball Team

The Van Nuys "A" League Basketball Team participated in the annual department basketball season and battled through the schedule with a record of 10 wins and 5 losses. The Volunteers arrived at the tournament primed and ready with the skilled shooting of Sgt. **Mike Rimkunas**, the leadership of Sgt. **Amir El-Farra**, and the clutch shooting of PIII **Ed Arca**. Notably, the team made it through the season with the help of PIII **Matt Garza** and our mightiest rebounder and shot blocker, PII **Deshawn Hall**, AKA, "Cleveland." Significant thanks to All Star Forward/Center **Kevin Dunigan**, S/E, "The Coach", **Bobby Rivers**, S/W; and the fire of **Jerome Divinity** from DARE who "brought it" every game. The Volunteers made it through the playoffs unscathed until their semi-final loss to Rampart, which cost them the chance to contend for the championship. Congratulations to Rampart, even though we beat you three out of four times, "you brought it when you had to." To the team, thanks for reviving Van Nuys "A" League Basketball in a big way and for your dedication.

Copper Capers

Van Nuys Area Officers **Jeffrey Burnley** and **Adam Sandoval** received a radio call of a "Grand Theft Auto just occurred" at 7717 Ventura Canyon Avenue. The vehicle taken was a 1993 burgundy Saturn. As the officers were en route to the above call, they observed the Saturn in the area of Roscoe Boulevard and Van Nuys Boulevard, traveling through the parking lot of "24 Hour Fitness." The officers put out a broadcast that they located and were following the Saturn and requested a back up and an air unit. Devonshire Officers **Carlos Barrios** and **Eric Jennings** responded to the back up request. Officers Burnley and Sandoval, with a back up unit in place, activated the emergency equipment in an attempt to stop and arrest the driver of the Saturn. The driver elected not to yield and sped off in an attempt to elude pursuing officers. The vehicle pursuit terminated when the Saturn collided into the rear of a vehicle stopped for a traffic light. The Saturn continued and subsequently collided into a pole at the same intersection, disabling the Saturn. The suspect fled on foot and led the officers on a short foot pursuit that terminated when the suspect slipped on a wet sidewalk and was taken into custody. The suspect was subsequently booked for 487(D) P.C.- Grand Theft Auto. This case was presented to the Office of the District Attorney for felony filings. The case was reviewed and the following charges were filed on the suspect, 487(D) P.C.-Grand Theft Auto, 10851(A) V.C.-Driving without Owners

Consent, 2800.2 (A) V.C. -Felony Evasion and 20002 (a) V.C.- Misdemeanor Hit and Run. All officers are commended for their outstanding attention to duty, their keen observation skills, their investigative prowess and excellent report writing abilities in the arrest of an active car thief.

Babies Galore!

Detective **Beth Eaton** and her husband, James Eaton are the proud parents of their newly adopted son, Matthew Park Eaton. Matthew was born on July 21, 2003 in South Korea and arrived at their home on February 18, 2004. We all congratulate you on your new bundle of joy.

Officer **Francois "Re-Re" Reese** and his wife are the proud parents of Kyle Lucas Reese. Kyle was born on February 4, 2004 and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. And was 19 1/2" long. In the photo is dad with Benjamin (holding Kyle) and big brother Ethan. Congratulations Re-Re!

Lieutenant **David Storaker** and his wife are the happy parents of Kylie Storaker born March 30, 2004. She weighed 7lbs. 10oz. and was 20 1/2" long. Mom and baby are doing fine. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Officer **John Jizmejian** and his wife on the birth of their first child. Baby Kaitlyn Brooke Jizmejian was born on February 10, 2004. She weighed 7lbs. 2oz and was 21" long. Good luck adjusting to your new sleeping (or lack of sleep) schedule.

In the March issue of The Blue Line, we congratulated Officer **Lori Gerdes** and **Philander Butler** on the birth of their daughter, Lauren K. Gerdes. We now have a photo of their

beautiful child.

We also congratulate Detective **Rick Yep** and his wife Sommay on the birth of their son, William Pavon-Wei Yep. We have a photo of little William who is now six weeks old.



The stork came by to announce that Detective **Amira Smith** is expecting a child in late May or early June. She is married to Detective Johnny Smith at HWD.

Van Nuys Comings-N-Goings

Coming in: Sgt I M. Whittemore, #31474; Sgt I K. Gibson, #26560; Sgt I S. Embrich, #30993; PII J. Garcia, #36544; PII N. Herbert, #36169; PII M. Fuller, #34077; PII M. Rodriguez, #35175; PII C. Arrue, #36526; PII J. Parker, #36560

Leaving: Sgt I D. Rosenthal, #33278 (to PAC); Sgt I R. Rabbett, #33690 (to WLA)

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

TFO Wings

Air Support Division would like to welcome our newest TFO, **Officer Kevin Cook**. Kevin came to us from South Traffic and has completed his one month loan and four month training period. After months of training and constant evaluations it was nice to

receive his wings.

Kevin's family and friends joined all of us at ASD in celebration of this big event. His TFO wings were placed on his chest as an A-Star completed a low



level fly by overhead.

Congratulations Kevin, the evaluations are behind you, but numerous challenges are ahead. Welcome to ASD.



by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

2nd Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride

Don't forget to attend the ride to sponsor Central's youth programs and crime prevention activities. The ride starts at 10:00 a.m. at the Police Academy, Elysian Park. **Non-Riders are encourage to come to the academy to enjoy the festivities and lunch.** \$10.00 will buy you a BBQ lunch, entry into the prize give-away, and entertainment from some great bands. And yes for those who participated last year,

there will be beer. For further information, please contact Marie Kardiban, Community Relations Office at 213 972-1876.

I was going through some old files on a Central Yearbook that at one time the current Captain, were planning to produce for the Division. I found this information on the History of Central Division and thought it may be of some interest.

History of Central Division

The early years of "El Pueblo De Los Angeles" like those of so many other western towns, were rocked by violence and unbridled lawlessness. The absence of sorely needed laws and adequate numbers of peace officers, offered an open invitation to bandits, gun-slingers and defrauders of every variety. These were the realities with which Los Angeles had to struggle after its incorporation in 1850.

In July of 1851, because of rising crime and violence a special session of the "Common Council" for the city was called. Out of this meeting came the organization of the Los Angeles Police

Tragic Loss

All of us at Air Support were saddened with the loss of **Officer Ricardo Lizarraga**. Our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends. We know that these are difficult days for the outstanding officers of Newton. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

ASD Tip of the Month

The suspect that murdered our brother officer was taken into custody hiding in the trunk of a vehicle approximately four blocks from where the shooting occurred. Air 3 arrived over the help call in less than two minutes and immediately set an 8 block perimeter. They were relieved 20 minutes later by a second air crew and the perimeter was expanded. **Adam Greenburg** and **Jim Weigh** are to be commended for their tactical insight and quick reactions. This suspect was taken into custody because of these actions and the outstanding response from ground units

from all over the city.

Perimeters in situations like this need to be extremely large. Suspects who murder police officers are the most desperate individuals we encounter. The vast majority of these suspects attempt to move as far as possible in the shortest amount of time. Officers must remember this when setting a perimeter and think big. There are some people on this department that thought 8 blocks was too large. They were incorrect. This suspect was approximately 30 yards from being outside of that initial 8 block containment. In a case like this 20 blocks is not too large. This isn't a GTA or 459 where resources must be considered, this suspect murdered a member of our family and must be captured.

All of the officers that responded to this tragic incident should be proud of their contribution to capturing a vicious criminal. It was a team effort that contained and captured that suspect. Always watch your six.

Force made up of the volunteers from the city's finest citizens. The "Common Council" also appointed Samuel Whiting, Marshal of the City of Los Angeles. In 1853 Whiting's successor was murdered by outlaws. His violent death did much to inspire the forming of a posse later to become known as the "Los Angeles Rangers."

In examining the history of Central Division, the parent division of the Los Angeles Police Department, it seems only appropriate to return to the days of Marshal Whiting and of the original Los Angeles Rangers who were credited for the capture and death of the notorious bandit "Joaquin Murrieta" and his sidekick "Three Fingers Jack."

In 1869 the police force was changed from a voluntary organization to a six man paid City Department hence Central Division. Central Division, the original police division included the entire area of the City of Los Angeles and was located in a portion of the old City Hall building between 2nd and 3rd streets.

After the first police station was cre-

ated it was only natural that Central Division would be responsible for a number of historical firsts. Some of the most notable were the installation of the first telephone in 1885, the first horse drawn wagon in 1888 driven by two civil war veterans, Officer Cox and Stites, the first police woman matron in 1888 and in 1889 the first detective bureau.

With the rapid growth of Los Angeles, Central Division expanded to meet increased responsibilities and in 1896 it moved to a new larger facilities located at 314 West First Street, property purchased from the Dockweiler family. It remained at this location for sixty years until it moved to its new location at 251 East 6th Street.

The Los Angeles Police Department and Central Division has undergone numerous changes since days of the "Los Angeles Rangers" chasing Joaquin Murrieta on horseback to the more familiar figure seen pausing at street corners or marching methodically down the sidewalk to the swift moving computer directed vehicles of today.



by Rudy Baca
South Traffic Division

"Adios amigos"

Leaving our division this month is **Ofcr Ed Heredia**, and **Ofcr Derrick**

Sledge. Both will be going to West Traffic Division. Our loss, West Traffic's gain. CTD will have new a Motor Officer, fresh out of Motor school **Paul "Off-road" Menchaca**. You might remember Paul being featured in last month's issue.

MADD Awards

On March 25, 2004, South Traffic Division attended the annual MADD awards. The awards were hosted at Proud Bird restaurant in the Los Angeles International airport area. The honored Officers were treated to a free Continental Breakfast courtesy of MADD. **Capt. Young** along with **Sgt. Van Dwyne** were present to see the



below officers receive their awards.

Receiving the Double Century Award; **Ofcrs Kevin Scott, Gary Current** and **Ron Moy**

This award is given to Officers that have made over 200 DUI arrests in one

year.

The Century Award; **Ofcrs Dennis Diviak, Donnie Estrada, Eddie "the Kid" Martinez, and Ryan Basaker**. Awarded to Officers with over 100 DUI arrests.

Also receiving an award for their outstanding efforts in keeping the public streets safe from impaired drivers; **Ofcrs JP Dalbey, Ron Grijalba, Kyle Lee** and **Brice Verna**.

The framed certificates were signed and sealed by the MADD president. In addition, uniform pins were also awarded to each Officer.

Next month's issue will feature our secret South Traffic's classic guitar playing collision investigator.

Guess who? Hint it's a P-3!



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by Larry Wehage
Newton Division

Goodbye to Captain Reggie Maeweather

After nearly five years at Newton, Captain **Reggie Maeweather** received notice that he was being transferred to the Office of Operations. I think he mumbled words like, "I don't think so." He retired shortly thereafter. He should be set up for retirement with his added DROP cash. Good luck in the future, Boss.

A New Man, A New Plan, A New Command

Captain **Sean Kane** is now at the helm. His recent arrival from Critical Incident Investigation Division (CIID) was their loss and our gain. Although seemingly introverted, he actually does have a personality. I've even seen him smile several times. I think he likes Newton.

Adios Gary

At the conclusion of deployment period 3, our Day Watch Commander, Lieutenant **Gary Macnamara**, headed off to a new home at Northeast. Gary, you will be missed.

Welcome Paul

With the departure of Gary Mac, Newton picked up Lieutenant **Paul Stalker** from West Los Angeles Area.

Paul, where did all of that gray hair come from?

Retirement for Al

A long journey came to an end for the CLEAR D3, **Al Ruegg**, who was recently given a medical pension due to a non-cooperative injury he suffered years ago. Al was one of the brightest people on LAPD and his loss will be felt by all of us who knew him. Take care and enjoy your retirement.

Golf for Kids

The tenth annual Golf for Kids will be held on Thursday, May 27th at the Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. Check-in is at 1030 hours and the shotgun start is at 1200 or 1230 hours (heck, I can't remember). **Gil Curtis** and his crew will be taking care of business. The cost is \$115. Gil can be reached at 323 846-6504. There you go Gil. I put it in the Blue Line.

Baker to Vegas

We changed our team number this year as a reminder of our recent loss. Officer **Ricardo Lizarraga** was the second Newton officer to be killed in the line of duty. **Norbert (Bert) Huseman** was our first in 1945. Our new number is 213 (not for the Area Code, but for the two officers from Division 13). Wear that team number proudly and run, run, run. Don't forget that the picnic will be held at the Silverton after the run.

Explorer Adventures

In January, a number of Newton Explorers traveled to Chandler, Arizona, to compete in a competition that tested their knowledge of tactics. They competed against explorers from California, Arizona, Nevada, and Texas. The kids received third placed trophies in Terrorist Threats and in Hostage Negotiations. Chandler Police Department-hosted this annual event and welcome explorers



from other LAPD Areas to participate in future years. **Joe Avila** was in charge of the group.

Bird Legs

Has anyone seen **Aaron Pomeroy's** legs? I didn't think so.

Memorial Ride

About 90 bikers participated in a motorcycle ride in memory of our boy, **Rick. Steve Crane** set the ride up and everyone had one heck of a good time. A fun ride is being planned for the near future. Contact Steve at Newton if you are interested.

Newton Reunion

Just as a reminder, the reunion picnic/beer bust will be held at the Academy on July 31st. **Kelle Baitx** is

the point of contact. Designated drivers are welcome. We need them.

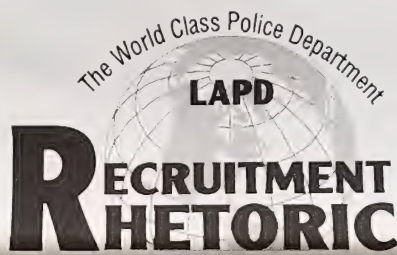
Why no Info about Great Arrests

Some of you may wonder why there is no mention of arrests in the Lucky 13 articles. The Blue Line doesn't have enough ink to print the information, so rather than single one or two arrests, the weekly in-house Newton Newsletter keeps the officers informed about great arrests.

Ten More Reasons to Work Newton

1. You can go to Israel on a Travel Authority. Ask **Kosal Bun**
2. Everyday is the 4th of July
3. If you are short of cash, go to any street corner and hold up a sign that says, "Will Work Later for Cash Now"
4. You can have your cake and eat it too
5. What's a Greenie?
6. The treadmill in the weight room actually works
7. Your old clothes still look good
8. Great view of the town - that's Towne Avenue
9. The term, "I've got your back" actually means something
10. Walking distance to the Staples Center

You can contact me at lwehage@aol.com.



by Officer Mark L. Horton
Recruitment

attend the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, some time in the near future. Good luck to you in all of your future endeavors. Thank you for all of your hard work.

A \$500 Incentive

Don't forget you can get \$500 for choosing your future partner. Officers and candidates must complete and sign a Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program card. To be eligible, your candidate must turn in the incentive card to the proctor when they take the written exam. When your candidate is appointed to the Academy, you will receive your \$500. If you have questions, please contact us at (213) 485-3800.

Congratulations and Farewell

Recruitment & Employment Division would like to congratulate P.O. **II Binnie Phan**, #34238, on being selected to

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jim Johnson
Juvenile Division

On a sad note

On March 19, 2004, Juvenile Division and the LAPD family lost a wonderful and loving friend, **Karen Trimble, Management Analyst II**. We all supported her courageous but difficult struggle to beat the cancer that eventually took her life. She was an outstanding, dedicated 30-year employee of the Department. In spite of the pain, she continued to come to work and perform her duties in the outstanding fashion to which she was accustomed. She did her best to avoid any special attention even as the medical treatment she endured made her so ill. We will never forget the kindness that Karen had for all of us. We at Juvenile Division extend our deepest sympathy to all that knew and cared for Karen.

Congratulations to the Juvenile Division basketball team for clinching the Division "D" Championship. Our team captain, Officer **Todd Waymire**,

said, "It was tough, but everyone playing as a united team made the difference." Our team won eight regular season games and lost two, which put us in the playoffs. We lost our first back-to-back playoff game against Devonshire Division but won the second, making us number one in our division.

Team member **Mike Skiff** credited **Adrian Ferns** and **Darvin White** with dominating the boards on rebounds. **Robert Cervantes** was our high scorer with his consistent lay-ups. **Oscar Lopez** helped carry the team with countless three point field goals. The referees followed Adrian Ferns around watching his fancy, but not so legal footwork. **Joe Duran** led the way with receiving the most bruises. Other team members, **Marcella Piersol**, **Mike Skiff**, **Todd Waymire**, **Ruben Sanchez** and **Dan Aguirre** also contributed to a successful season. Everyone played great together, passing the ball and working as a team. We had one of the oldest group of players, but "young at heart" and everyone was in great shape, out running the other teams.

On March 16, 2004, we had a wonderful retirement luncheon in Glendale for "KJ" aka **Detective III Kathryn Jackson**. KJ brought her husband, Michael Jackson, who quickly advised everyone that he was not the world-renowned singer and had his real nose. Michael is a retired LAPD veteran of 33 years and a barrel of laughs (KJ must



have a lot of fun at home). KJ was accompanied by her children, grand children and many family members. This reporter has only known KJ for eight months, but it became obvious, as tears began to flow, that she had touched the lives of many who were packed into the restaurant. KJ began her career as a Police Student Worker for four years, and went on to work 26 years as a sworn officer. KJ worked her way up the ranks to Detective III, finishing her career with a long stay in Juvenile Division as a Bureau Consultant and one of the Department's top experts in Juvenile Issues. KJ does not plan to just sit around the house. In fact, she plans on teaching aerobics and spending time with her husband, now that she is not tied down to a work schedule. I know a lot of people will miss you **KJ**, and we wish you only the best.

Congratulations to Detective III Bill Baxter. He has earned the title of Juvenile Division's most senior member, having been in the division for over 27+ years. Bill is a board member and past president of the California State Juvenile Officers Association (CSJOA). At the annual training conference, Bill was honored with the prestigious "Dan Pursuit Award," which is only awarded to one deserving person each year for outstanding service and contribution to the juvenile justice system.

In/ Outs

We would like to welcome **Lt. Tony Lomedico** to Juvenile Division as he takes over his new assignment leading the DARE Section.



WATTS P.D.

by Massey
Southeast Division

This article's two days late because not a damn thing happened. Oh, we had some standard capers that might rate mention elsewhere, but I'm getting picky. In fact, if at the scene of a mediocre foot or vehicle pursuit, another cop asks me, "This gonna make it into the *Blue Line*?" I'm gonna sock him. Or not. I might just say no and ask him for a dollar.

Hey, **Dan** (It's all about the Intel) **Strojny** is out for a few weeks with a broken finger. That's right, he got punched in the nose. Nah, but I like that joke. It happened in a foot pursuit. How do you hurt your finger in a foot pursuit? Been a while since I chased a thug down, so I'll shut up.

Anyone else find "HHC" far inferior to "KMA"? Come on, it's obvious. I refuse to say it. On that note, if during a tactical situation you "reach into your tool bag," I'm beefing you. Try me. Okay, rant over.

We did have one amusing caper. I'll make some of it up, 'cause I wasn't there and the coppers that were, I'm certain, left things out. **Eric Young** and **Jeff Brite** were trolling Central in the area of 89th

Street. There they observed, plying her trade in a lovely floral print dress, a lady of the night. A hooker. They chose to investigate and upon further inspection learned the lady to be no lady at all. Rather, it was a man named Henry. (Made that up.) Henry's fond of dresses (apparently). But hey, it's America. You can do that. You can also be on parole. But you can't have a felonious warrant. The cat had to go. But Henry, he doesn't like jail. He doesn't like it a lot. On a rain-glossed street in South L.A., Henry kicked off his pumps and he and Jeff had them a wrassling match. We'll pause here for a minute, because I wanna set this up just right. Ever notice how you and a long-time partner come to the same conclusion simultaneously, without words, without explanation? Of course you do. And as they later related, that happened to our boys. For as Jeff struggled to subdue Henry's violent bid for escape, he thought to himself, "Gee, this guy's muscular." Meanwhile, Eric, eager to assist, had moved to Henry's rear and launched himself at his legs. But, be it due to the jolly hand of a Watts gremlin or just plain bad luck, Henry's dress at that moment lifted and billowed. Unfortunately, Eric's momentum was too great. So great it carried him beyond the point of good taste. In short, he planted his face in Henry's panty-clad butt. His immediate thought? Yep. "Gee, this guy's muscular." Odd, huh? I swear, I think that's true. Anyway, that's all I want to say, because for one thing Eric's a lot bigger than me and for another I got him with the old "backup gun under the passenger's seat" trick the other day. He may be ready to thump me. They did get the guy in custody and then someone dropped the ball and let him bail out without putting the parole hold on top of his open charge. I won't say who, but the boys were unhappy when we had to go find Henry a few days later at his mom's house and have yet another use of force. But hey, we're just patrol cops. What do we know? (Does that sound bit-

ter? Too bad.)

Man, I really want to talk about the officer/sergeant/detective/supervisor of the year awards. Seriously, I do. But I fear I'll get it wrong. So, I promise next

month I'll have my facts in order.

How about a thought for the troops overseas? I'll tell you from experience, they think of home every day. Give back—we're good at that.



by Susan Carrasco
Northeast Division

Northeast Employees of the Year

Congratulations to the 2003 Employees of the Year: P.O. **III Lenning Davis**, #26028; Det. **II Luis Rivera**, #26694; Sgt. **Arturo Gomez**, #26300; Civilian Principal Clerk Police **III Robert Hoffman**, #C9840. These employees were each selected due to their outstanding ethics, devotion to their profession and moral values.

Comings and Goings

Sgt. **Chase** is leaving us to go off to Foothill. Sarge, you thought the Northeast streets were curvy; good luck up in those hills! Officer **Gallardo** is leaving us! Teresa is hanging up her Northeast hat and she is picking up a traffic book in Central Traffic Division. Ugh! She promises to respond to all of our requests for a traffic investigator. You will both be greatly missed!

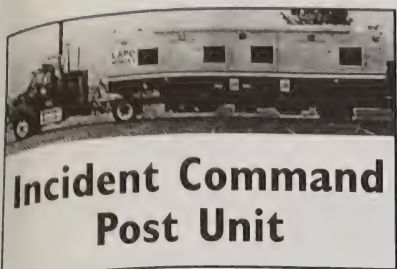
Coming to Northeast is Sgt. **Hopper** from Pacific, Sgt. **Ciacanelli** from Personnel and Officer **Maldonado** from West Valley. Welcome to each of you

into our Northeast family.

Commendable Capers

I have read over many reports that I have found on my desk from the Northeast Gang Enforcement Detail. I have found it very difficult to mention a commendable caper or two that these officers have been involved in. The entire gang unit officers, detective, supervisors make numerous arrests, remove many weapons and dangerous career criminals off the Northeast streets. These men and women are involved in many dangerous situations and continue to stay focused and dedicated on a daily basis. Thank you all for your hard work, outstanding skills that allow all of you to focus as a team.

There are many others that should be commended, but one person is overlooked. **Jeannie Kim** is our Neighborhood Prosecutor, and many of us do not realize the hard work and devotion that she puts into assisting the officers in problem solving in the Northeast community. For many years we have had problems with specific areas due to gang activity and the sales of narcotics. These areas have plagued the area, reducing the quality of life for many of our residents and increased the risk to officers. Jeannie has worked diligently with the SLOs, detectives, gang units, patrol units (all of us)! Her hard work has reduced crime and improved officer safety and the quality of life to all of the Northeast community. Thank you, Jeannie, for all of your hard work! We all appreciate what you have accomplished!



Incident Command Post Unit

by Bill Young
Incident Command Post Unit

Greetings from the crew at the Incident Command Post Unit.

Callout Deployments

The resources available from the Incident Command Post Unit have been used extensively. Since the writing of our last article, we responded off-hours to nine OIS's, four fatal T/C's, one missing child, one airplane crash, one 211 with hostages and four murders, one of which was Officer **Ricardo Lizarraga**. Additionally, it was our honor to provide logistical support to Officer Lizarraga's funeral in the form of popups, water, heaters, portable restrooms and a sound system.

Planned Deployments

It has been very busy for our Unit with equipment deployments at the Grammy's, The NBA All Star Game, Academy Awards and the Marathon. The folks assigned to the NBATF are breathing a sigh of relief now that that event is over. It went quite well, and congratulations are in order for a job well done to all of them. The NBA task force lasted a week, and we deployed a

day and night shift to support the staging area at the Staples Center and the bus-screening site for the Bomb Squad at Dodger Stadium. The Academy Awards was a major deployment where we deployed most of our toys to Hollywood High School along with the Hazardous Devices Section, FBI, and a myriad of Government and City resources. The Marathon C/P was located in the Westin Bon Aventure adjacent to the start/finish lines. It was major work setting up and tearing down the C/P with long hours in between. We also deployed resources to Vice Trick Task Forces and demonstrations. I'm sure our paths have crossed with many of you at one these events.

One Simple Call

Don't be hesitant to request equipment anytime, 24/7. Often we get requested well into an incident because somebody did not think it would last as long as it did, or somebody did not want to get us up in the middle of the night. This is our job, and we would rather be requested early in the incident, and if by chance the incident is over when we arrive, no problem. If the incident is still active, better for you to be logistically supported in managing your incident by our equipment. Remember, to contact us during regular business hours M-F, call 213 485-2901. To contact us during off-hours, *one simple call does it all*. Just call the Department Command Post, 24/7, at 213 978-6500 and request any equipment you need from our Unit. The DCP maintains a list of our home, cell and pager numbers and will contact

us. We now rotate a marked hybrid vehicle between the on-call officers to reduce our response time on off duty call-outs.

Once again, we have notebook dividers displaying pictures of our equipment and how to contact us 24/7. These are available to anyone by placing a phone call to our Unit. We can send them through Department mail.

Equipment Update

It's finally here! We now have possession of our remodeled command post trailer, and it was worth the wait (inset photos). For those of you that are familiar with our trailers, this was the old Mobile 5 that is split-level. The PSR was positioned in the front above the other positions. The trailer was completely stripped to the frame and a 15-foot slide out was installed. This dramatically increases the interior of the trailer. It has an in-focus smart board that allows a working display from a laptop computer onto a large white board that is touch sensitive. Additionally, we have Thomas Brothers mapping software that can be projected onto the white board. When the white board is touched at a building location on the projected map the address, the phone number and contact person's name is displayed. I'm sure that as this piece of equipment is used it will become the most popular C/P within the Department.

Military Property Acquisition Team

MPAT Officer **Robert Neville** is back in action. Recently Robert was able to

obtain 380 M-16 Rifles from the Military for eventual deployment to the troops for officer safety. Additionally, Robert made a trip to the Navy Seal Base at Coronado Island and scored for the Dive Unit with dry suits, swim fins, cold weather gear, and for Metro he was able to obtain heavy duty body armor. Robert is back on the prowl, and as you can see, almost anything is available from the military. Get your special needs requests to Robert at 485-8563.

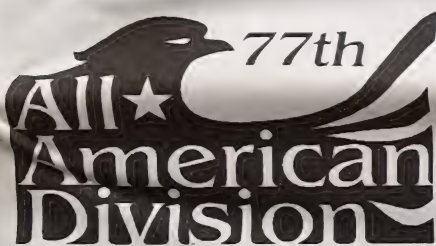
Another New Addition

Officer **Bill Young** and Specialist Reserve Officer **Linda Young** are the proud Grandparents of a bouncing baby boy. The parents, Bonnie (our daughter) and Donnie welcomed the long awaited birth of their son, Conner William Brubaker. Bonnie was two weeks late and more than willing to deliver Conner, weighing in at 8-1/2 pounds and 20-1/2 inches.

Other News

The newest officer in the Unit, **Mark Hernandez**, has passed his DMV exam and received his Class A License. We are now up to full strength. Good Job Mark!

Officer **Grace Brady** of the Major Events Planning Unit ran her first Marathon and finished in 4 hours 48 minutes. That was a great time for a first timer, especially considering the heat that did in so many runners that day. As you can see by her photo, she looked pretty good after the ordeal. I guess all the training paid off. Good Job Grace. ❖



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street

No Mo Crazy Action

In February, 77th had two separate underground parties, which resulted in the shooting death of a 23-year-old and a 12-year-old. Due to the similarities in the evidence recovered from both homicides, the detectives assigned were of the opinion that they might be related.

Detectives **Michelle Esquivel**, **Linda Ortega**, **Erik Baker** and **Scot Williams** worked long hours interviewing potential witnesses, evaluating evidence and sorted through volumes of records in an effort to identify the responsible suspects. Their

investigation revealed that a tagger gang known as Taking Crazy Action (TCA) was the responsible party for these tragedies. These taggers frequent Rampart and Hollenbeck areas. As these detectives continued to work diligently, they were able to identify two suspects. Warrants were served on both suspects and two counts of 187(A) PC-Murder, six counts of 187(A) PC form 221.1-Premeditated Attempted Murder, along with 12021(a)(1) PC. Congratulations to all of you for your dedication! This was indeed an outstanding job!

Baker Here We Come

The 77th Street running team continues to train diligently for this race. Every Saturday there are run-offs with many officers vying for a better time. Congratulations to all of you who have dedicated yourselves to this race. Our support team continues to keep our watch commander's office full of nice things to enjoy. All proceeds from this venture go to our running team. And this year they will be treated as first class citizens! Thanks for supporting us!

Figueroa Gets a Facelift

On March 25, 77th Street female personnel hit the streets, not as cops but as prostitutes. Yes indeed, a few brave women chose to dress down and get dirty! The names have been omitted to protect the innocent, but this was one busy task force. We actually began to take bets to see how many minutes it would take for a trick to get taken. The best time was 15 seconds. Boy, it must have been something in the air that night. Thanks, girls, for accepting the challenge!

A Well Deserved Party

On May 14, 77th Street will be hon-

oring Policeman **Cliff Lloyd**, #20156, at his retirement party at the Harbor Range. Cliff has done his entire career in patrol and holds the record for 77th Street. Cliff is a dedicated officer and will receive his "due" on May 14th. The traditional steak-fry event will kick off at 1700 hours and the cost is \$25, which includes the gift. If you need more information, please call SLO Marquez, (323) 387-9603, or the Senior Lead Office at (213) 847-2817. We hope you can join us as we pay tribute to one of L.A.'s finest. See you there!

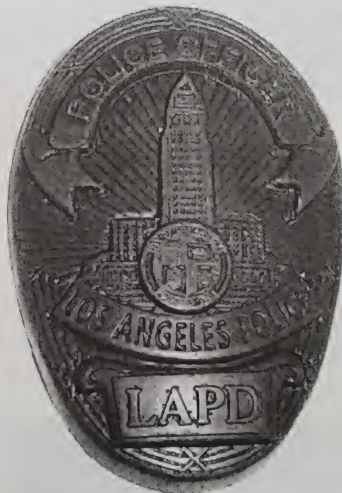
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings. Happy Mother's Day wishes to all the moms. Salute to our military this month with Armed Forces Day on the 15th and Memorial Day on the 31st. Dust off Old Glory and let her wave. I caught the tail end of a news broadcast this evening showcasing the homecoming of National Guard MP unit 692. The unit spent one year in Iraq. They returned home minus two heroes. A Reserve Specialist jumped off the escalator, kissed her parents, then she knelt down and kissed the ground. God bless America.

Maternity Ward

Congratulations to the **Huynh** family. Dad **Nhut** (C pltn) and Mom Robbin welcomed baby girl Hayley Longmy on



Hayley Long My Huynh.

September 10. Hayley weighed in at 9 lbs., 1 oz. (Mom is doing fine!), and she joined big brothers John (12), Justice (6), and Colby (3).

Welcome Back

Now off the injured reserve list are the newlywed **Meimo Galvan** (C pltn), Sgt. **LaMaar Bell** (E pltn) and **Mike Harrington** (E pltn).

Sports Desk

Hoops, they did it again. Congratu-



Metro "B" back to back champions: Coach Ed Mahaffey, Chris Amador, John Buckley, Eldred Day, Dave Schmidt, Mark Blizzard, Chuck Coleman and Charles Joh.

lations to the Metro "B" League Basketball champions. The team, led by Coach **Ed Mahaffey** (C), defeated Hollenbeck to capture a back-to-back championship. It was an extremely competitive game in which Metro prevailed 54-40. The Hollenbeck team battled tremendously in spite of being without their recent LAPRAAC Hall of Fame inductee **Milt Hernandez**. Milt was out of the game due to injury. Metro's team executed balanced scoring from the entire team with **John Buckley** (17 points) and **Mark Blizzard** (11 points) leading the way. **Chuck Coleman**, **Dan Schmidt** (Firearms Trng) and **Eldred Day** played predominately inside. **Chris Amador** and **Charles Joh** put forth a tenacious defense. Point guard **Jim Harper** pushed the ball at every oppor-

tunity and dished for six assists. The team, losing only their first game of the season, finished overall 8 and 1 and swept their three playoff games. This victory cemented the team's eighth championship of the past ten-year period. High-five out to all the champions including

Anchorage P.D.'s newest LAPD transplant, former B teamer **Steve Much**.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming, can't miss events at the Academia. Friday, June 18, the Metro Reunion. Bring your contributions for the Metro Journal. Contact R20, Sgt. **P. W. Anderson** for further on the event and yours truly for journal info. Wednesday, June 30th retirement celebration for 20C, **George Haines**. Heat up the briquettes, roast for +1, 31B, **Ronnie Stamps**, Friday, July 23. Gator-skin cowpie kickers are optional. Contact Metro desk for any further party details/tickets.

Until next time...R-10 girl, clear. ✦

First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post & Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealey
Communications Division

VCDC Spearheads Cancer Fundraiser

On Monday, March 22, the "St. Baldrick's" fundraiser for children with cancer was held at Los Angeles Fire Station 89, in the San Fernando Valley. "St. Baldrick's" was originally the idea of the Los Angeles Fire Department, to raise money through pledges in support of young chemotherapy patients who lose their hair, by having Firefighters shave their heads to show their support.

Communications Division personnel once again showed their unselfish and generous behavior, by solidly supporting this event. Sergeant **Greg Doyle**, whose son William is a cancer survivor, was the catalyst for this fundraising effort. He and his other son Tom, along with



Communications supports "St. Baldrick" fundraiser for children.

Senior PSR II **John Phillips**, Sergeant II **Mark Ehring**, Sergeant **Greg Allen**, and PSR's **Shawnie Livera**,

Liz Lane, Rudy Vasquez, Matthew Gilbert, Josh Peer, Howard Tien, Tom Lam, Paul Gonzalez, and retired Lieutenant **Ted Steiner** all had their heads shaved, raising in excess of \$11,000 for this worthy event. Councilmember **Wendy Gruel** joined in the event by personally shaving the head of PSR Rudy Vasquez. In addition to the generous financial support provided, members of Communication Division led by Captain **Andrew Smith** and backed by the VCDC's "official" photographer, Senior PSR **Cathy Sotos**, came out to support the event. As it turned out, the VCDC was the



Sgt-II Greg Allen makes quick work of Sgt-I Mark Ehring's coiffure.



Sgt. Greg Doyle ponders the loss of his hair.

largest single contingent from the Department. The crowd was upbeat and supportive and the only tears heard in the Valley that day were from area barbers, who will have to wait several weeks before seeing any of the participants as customers.

Roger and Out

We say farewell to Lt II **Ann Barrera** who is leaving Comm Div to work for Assistant Chief Papa. We welcome Officers **Kevin Marr** (77th) and **Carlos Ayala** (SW).

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Passing the Test!

To test or not to test, that is the question! The test in question is the upcoming Police Officer III (P-III) examination on June 12, 2004. The debate is, do I, a veteran returning from military service, meet the time on the job (three years) and time in patrol (two years) prerequisites? There is no a short or simple answer to this important issue. It is also a "good news, bad news" situation. As many members of the Armed Forces Guard and Reserve know, the federal government established rules and guidelines that govern the treatment of employees by their employer. The details are contained in the *Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)*. You can review the USERRA on the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Web site at www.esgr.com. The city and department met all of these federal requirements, and in fact exceed many of them. However, when it comes to the time qualifications to become a P-III, the city and therefore the department have chosen to go by the "letter of the law" not the "intent of the law" as they do in most other areas involving employees serving in the Guard and Reserve. This is not a right or wrong situation, but just rather the way it is.

I will attempt to make this as clear and simple as possible. In part, the P.O. III Examination Announcement dated February 27, 2004, states that, to be eligible to apply to take the examination, a P.O. II must "have completed probation and three years of service with the Los Angeles Police Department as a Police Officer by June 3, 2004" and "have performed two years (26 deployment periods) in an eligible geographic field

(patrol) and/or traffic assignment and/or transit assignment by May 29, 2004." I am only addressing the two time requirements in this article. Please review the examination announcement for all other details.

The USERRA states (in part), "An employee may not be denied seniority while on military leave. Seniority should accrue as if the employee never left employment." Based on this concept alone, it sounds like military service should count for the above two time requirements to qualify to take the P-III examination. However, the city interprets this concept and other information available on this topic differently. Acting as an "agent" for both the department and department employees, I have gone to great lengths to ensure this is an accurate and fair ruling. I contacted Senior Personnel Analyst **Suzanne Hayes** of the Employee Selection Unit and asked her to review this policy and provide a written ruling on this important issue. SMA Hayes was very helpful and quickly provided the following reply:

2004 POLICE OFFICER III ELIGIBILITY

1. Should the department reduce the P.O. III qualification requirements of three years of service and 26 deployment periods of defined patrol experience if the officer was on military leave during part of the qualifying period?

According to the Personnel Department military information advisor **Vince Campbell**, candidates must meet the requirements. They do not get a free pass. If the requirements only require time in class, candidates must meet the requirements. If they need specific experience requirements, such as the P.O. III field requirements, they must meet those requirements otherwise they do not qualify.

For purposes of filing and taking the P.O. III written examination, those military candidates who do not meet the patrol experience requirement because they were on military leave from a qualifying patrol position, they will be allowed to file and take the examination. However, successful candidates placed on the eligibility list cannot interview or be appointed to a P.O. III position until they qualify with three years of eligible experience, 26 DPs of defined patrol, and have completed probation.

For verification and tracking purposes, Employee Selection Unit requires that P.O. IIs who lack the qualifying experience because of military service interruption submit a 15.7 requesting to take the examination and explain their lack of qualifying experience because of the military service interruption.

Please refer these applicants to Employee Selection Unit at (213) 847-7953.

I also contacted the ESGR and spoke

with Capt. Sam Wright, U.S. Army, who is widely recognized as the "author" of the USERRA. I explained the above issue to him and after exploring several angles, he stated that the city is within its rights to enforce their requirements for time in a specific assignment (patrol). This is based on the concept that officers would acquire specific law enforcement experience and knowledge during the required time spent on patrol. He further supported the city's stance because of the above compromise offered by the city to its military employees. The bottom line is if you want to promote, study hard, take and pass the test, and make sure you are in the appropriate qualifying patrol assignments until you meet the 26 DP requirement.

The new P-III list will be valid for two years from the date it is published. This ruling could change in the future, so do your part and keep abreast of this and other important military-related matters. The more you know about your rights and benefits, the better off you will be. The ESGR Web site is a great place to start.

Speaking of the employer support of the Guard and Reserve, my duties as the Military Liaison Officer for the department led to my acceptance as a volunteer for the ESGR. This organization's mission is to gain and maintain support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserves as defined by demonstrated employer commitment to employees military service. The ESGR has recognized the LAPD as an "outstanding employer" for its many efforts in support of our employees serving on active military duty. As a volunteer, I was issued orders from the Office of the Secretary of Defense to attend the ESGR State Conference in Sacramento, April 18-20, 2004. The training, information and contacts I received will better assist me in serving our employees and allow me to introduce our employee support program to other law enforcement agencies in California.

The ESGR conference was fully funded by the Department of Defense and was a great success. The ESGR is basically a union for employees serving in the Guard and Reserves. They champion your cause to employers and legis-

lators. They offer many programs that can assist various levels of management to better understand the complex issues associated with military service and the many hardships faced by you during a prolonged activation. Their Web site is interactive and they also provide a toll free number which allows you to speak with a benefits and service counselor. The ESGR Ombuds number is (800) 336-4590. Remember if you, your family member, or your personal affairs caretaker has a question or problem that is in any way related to your being a member of the Armed Forces Reserves, please give me a call and I will do my best to assist you.

Operation "Support our Troops"

There is a great of department employees that have undertaken a noble cause to recognize, honor, and boost the morale of the many dedicated coworkers that have answered the call to arms and are currently serving on active duty in the Armed Forces Reserves and Guard. Please look for a separate announcement in this issue of the *Blue Line* for additional details. I encourage all of you to support this program and show our fellow employees that we appreciate them and their families and know of the sacrifice and service they are doing for our great nation in this time of need. If you have questions, please call Sgt. **Andrea Grossman** at (213) 485-4154. Semper Fi, DJD

Attention to Orders

It is requested that each employee currently on active military duty or those anticipating activation provide the Military Liaison Officer with your correct home of record address and current military (FPO) mailing address and military e-mail accounts. It is further requested that you keep these addresses updated as necessary. The Military Liaison Officer needs this information to better serve you, as the Department increasingly turns to the Military Liaison Program to communicate with our employees serving on active duty. You or your family member can provide this information to me via phone, fax, mail or e-mail. ❖

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THE MAGNIFICENT

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by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

This month we would like to thank all of the beautiful mothers of the world for your patience and kindness that you display throughout the year. It's just a shame that we get only one day to show our appreciation for you. We only hope that the day that we share together to celebrate motherhood is as special to you as it is to us. Thank you so much. This article is dedicated to you.

This month I would like to take the time to recognize two outstanding patrol officers and the great job that they are doing. On January 3, 2004, at 2:00 a.m., Officer **G. Hurtado**, #34865, and

Officer **J. Kim**, #36639, were conducting patrol in the area of Hoover and 8th Street. They observed a vehicle in the area commit a traffic violation and immediately conducted a traffic stop. Officers were conducting extra patrol in the area due to a rise in gang violence. Officer Hurtado and Officer Kim immediately recognized the persons in the vehicle to be from the street gang Mara Salvatrucha, or "MS." Officers immediately put tactics into play and ordered all persons out of the vehicle. During a search incident to a lawful arrest, a loaded firearm was found in the vehicle. Officer Hurtado and Kim made some outstanding gang member arrests and took a gun off the street. Great job, guys! Last thing I heard was that Eric and Gus are trying to catch up to your felony count German. Way to stay ahead.

Departures

We are lucky enough not to be losing too many people this month. However, anyone we lose is a great discomfort to the Wilshire family. FTO **Cho**, #34392,

will be leaving after an extended stay here at Wilshire and where he earned his stripes a few years ago. He will be moving down south so that he can be closer to USC where he is attending classes. I really don't know if he is or not, but I thought I would make it sound better for you, Cho. Officer **Ramirez**, #36563, is making the move next door to WLA. Good luck to both of you.

Arrivals

We only have two arrivals this month. Officer **Gallego**, #36543, is coming up from Newton and Officer **Gonzales**, #36547, is also coming up north from SW. It's good to have you both. Welcome to the busiest division in the city.

Congratulations to Det. 1 **Cade**, #23472, who was recently promoted to Det. 2 and will remain here at Wilshire.

Everyone remember to have a safe month and try and stay cool, and remember to continue supporting the

League against S.O. 47

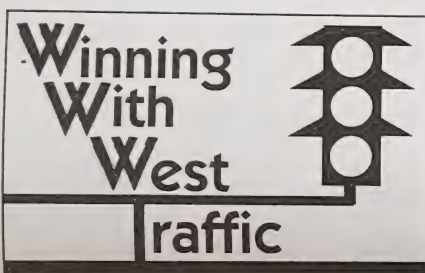
This month's photo is that of the Wilshire Bike Detail for their outstanding effort in the reduction of violent crime, narcotics, activity and A's and K's



Left to right: Desha, Lin, Fernandez, Helper, Vasquez, Breslin, Hernandez, Reyes.

traffic accidents. Job well done.

We are also working on a new logo for Wilshire Division. **Jerry Hernandez** has made contact with an artist who is working on the project now. It should be available soon.



by Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

Once Again.....

It is I, **Tom Gracey**, substituting for **Stephanie Krajchir** for this month's Blue Line article.....We at West Traffic (especially me) wish Sgt Krajchir a speedy recovery from her knee surgery!

Wtd Family News:

Congratulations to Ofcr **Ray Kim** and his wife Flor on the birth of their baby boy Anthony. Also Ofcr **Jeffery Fischer**

and his wife on their baby boy (have not received his name yet).

Commendable Capers;

The day has finally arrived when **Robert Kim** has been surpassed in magnetism for Cluster radio calls. Our new hero is **Robert Rodriguez**. He has handled more Dui and "K" traffics than the mid watch has had in the last five years. Congratulation on your new status!

Special Thanks:

The station fund folks; **Joe Taylor**, **Judy Acosta**, **Stephanie Cornine**, **Gloria Snipes**, **Tim Scully** (Hwd Tow thanks you for the speedy delivery of the salad) and Motor garage **Scott Allen** of the spaghetti sauce.

WTD Birthday's:

As you know, this article is a month behind, but so am I, so.....here's those of you who are celebrating a birthday in April; **Christopher Clark**, **Francisco Albarran**, **William Proctor**, **Judy Acosta**,

John Stafford, **William Munoz**, **Dennis Clifford**, **Michael Dunn**, **Edith Cornine**, **Daniel Gregg**, **Rita Woodle**, **Hiawatha Moore**, **Patrick Beighley**, **Olin Osborne**, **Martha Dominguez** and **Pedro Benavides**.

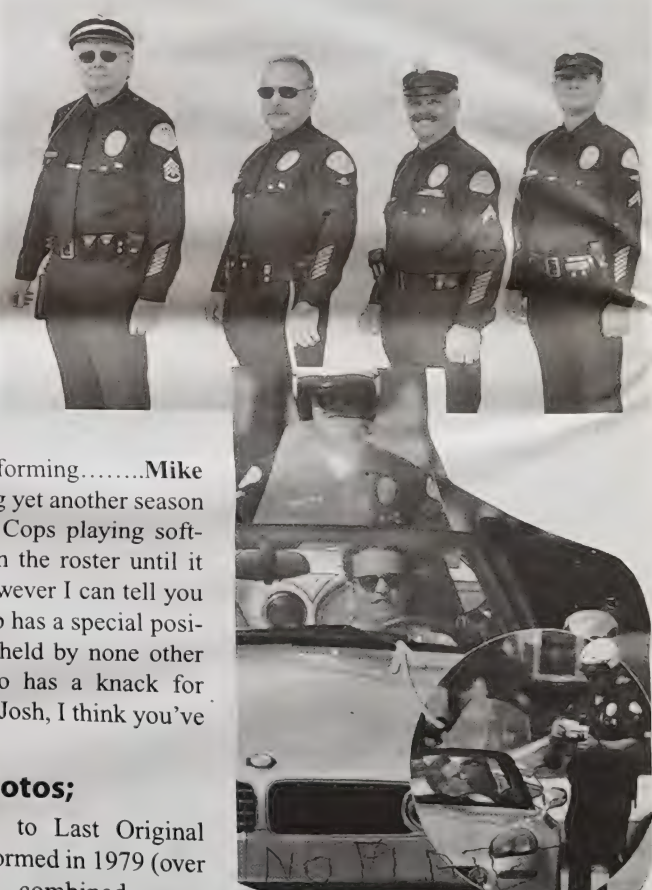
Sporting News:

Wtd's official softball line up is forming.....**Mike Tomelloso** is heading yet another season of Keystone Traffic Cops playing softball. I'll hold off on the roster until it becomes official, however I can tell you that this years line up has a special position.....right bench, held by none other than **Josh Kim** who has a knack for cheering / heckling. Josh, I think you've found your calling.

Lastly, WTD Photos;

A special tribute to Last Original Members of WTD Formed in 1979 (over a 1000 years of combined service.....Oh, that's over a 100).....and leading the pack would be Det **Terry Pearson** with **Patrick Beighley**, **Denny Huddleston** and **Kenneth Hobbs**.

Also a photo of our own Hollywood



celebrity, **Jack Bigrigg** who told me that the photo depicts a violator requesting a break because he was an out of work actor. Well, he did warn him for no front plate, but still got his recap. ♦

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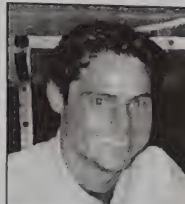
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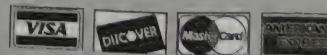
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Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

INs and OUTs and UPs

Here are the results of Transfer Order #4. The folks that left us were Det.1 **Pat Gavira-Dirosario**, now working a table at Central Division; P-2 **Lucille "Sunshine" Trosclair** is having fun at PAC-LAX; P-2 **Fernando Lopez** is now an official "motor cop" at South Traffic Division. The folks that joined us are P-2's **Travis Curtin** and **Daniel Pearce** from Southwest Division; and our upgrade was P-2 **Alex Rojas**, who got his stripes back!

Changes and Retirements

In the Harbor (as in any other division) we form close bonds with certain folks as we work side by side in our daily duties. There are a few folks I'd like to mention, as their former partners wanted them to know they are special. First, we have P-2 **Fernando Lopez**, who

was assigned to the Harbor Division for 8 years total. For four of those years, Fernando was a dedicated Harbor Area Bike Patrol Unit officer, and was partner to classmate P-2 **Al Ornelas**, another veteran police officer. Because both officers grew up in the Harbor (Fernando in Wilmington and Al in San Pedro), they always felt right at home while at work. If any of you were ever assigned to a Bike Unit, you know how physically demanding a long tour can be, and the Harbor Area definitely has it's share of hilly terrain and trails. Fernando's former Bike Patrol Unit partners tell me that he has expert handling skills on two wheels, and also served as



Sunshine and the Harbor Area Juvenile unit on Knoll Hill with the Vincent Thomas Bridge in the background.

a Department Bike Instructor. Fernando was also involved in numerous commendable capers and as a member of the Unit, he helped them to achieve a Unit Citation for being a part of the Top Producing Officers in 2002. Your Harbor Bike Unit pals (and all of us in the Harbor) wanted to congratulate you on trading in your bicycle tennis shoes for a brand new

pair of shiny motor boots. Best of luck to you Fernando!

Next, we have a "good ol' Southern gal" **Lucille "Sunshine" Trosclair**. P-2 Trosclair is now taking care of business for us at the airport, doing what she does best, and just being "Sunshine". Lucille's dedication, attention to detail and sunshiny attitude made her a most sought after officer, assigned to various specialized units in the Harbor Division.



D-3 Vincent Delgado at his 20 year retirement luncheon with wife Candace. Best Wishes Vincenzo!

Lucille worked the Hype car with the ol' Alley Cat and Uncle Al Pesanti (Sgt-1), the Harbor Special Enforcement Unit with Uncle **Al Pesanti** (Sgt-1), and was last assigned to the Harbor Receiver Team, a part of the Property Crimes Detectives table, again under the direction of Sgt-1 (Uncle) Al Pesanti. Lucille always had pearls of wisdom that could make your half empty glass, seem half

full instead. We are going to miss you "Sunshine", and I'm gonna hold you to your promise that you'll be back!

Lastly, there's D-3 **Vincent "the Monk" Delgado**, who is enjoying the fruits of his labor by retiring after 20 years and 20 minutes on March 31, 2004! Vinnie was a member of the 11/83 class, and worked a handful of assignments, starting out with Harbor Division, on to Hollywood Division, Narcotics, Southeast, Financial Crimes, and back to Harbor to finish it out. During his retirement luncheon roast, we learned that his hobbies included being a musician (guitarist), a meditation instructor, a fire walker and that he is building a home in Nepal (!).

Dressed appropriately for the luncheon, Vinnie was in his usual Hawaiian shirt, sandals and sunglasses. Some of Vinnie's family were in attendance, his lovely wife Candace (former LAPD D-3), and his daughters, Jenny, Becky and Jessica. Rumor is Vinnie will return on occasion as a Reserve Officer, but for now, he'll just enjoy life as a new "retiree". Congratulations for a job well done Vincenzo, and may you have many years of happiness in the "after life" of being an LAPD officer.

In Closing

A quick shout out to P-3 **Frankie Partida**: Hey guy! Hope you're doing good, hurry up and get well soon, we miss ya'. In the mean time, everyone remember to be smart, be safe, be sound, be sure and keep on dancing. ❖

More Divisional Reporter on next page



Harbor Bike Unit Officers (L-R) Crystal Hayes, Andrew Chao, Ryan Williams, Fernando Lopez, Albert Ornelas, Bruce Borihan, Victor Pacheco and Fernando's brother Oscar Lopez. Cheers!

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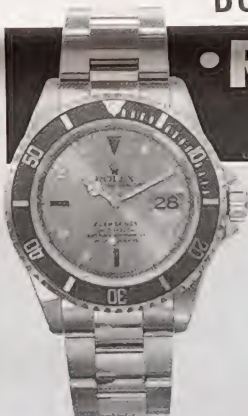
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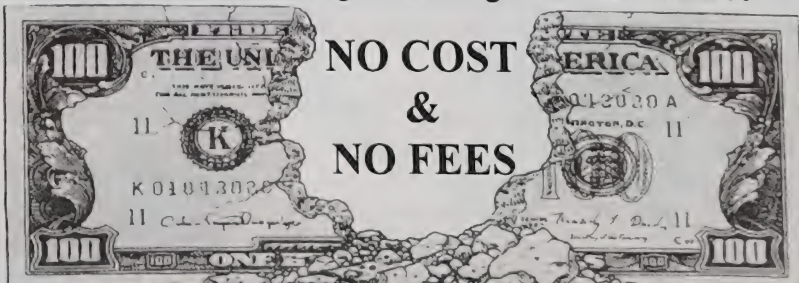
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

Mayday, mayday! Actually, they're all maydays this month, and I hope it's a good one. It's hard to believe that Easter has come and gone and it's almost time to celebrate Memorial Day weekend. The lives of those given for their country is what helps to make America great. Mother's Day is also in May so love your mothers while you can.

Sooooo...another one has returned to West L.A.! Lt. **Ron Spicer** has returned and last served as a lieutenant at Pacific Division. Sgts. **P. Harris** and **R. Rabbett** have joined us from JD-VAL and Van Nuys, respectively. Sgt. **S. Embrich** left to go to Van Nuys. Several P2s have recently transferred to the west. They are: **C. Orozco** from Central, **A. Gheta** from Foothill, **M. Larson** from Hollywood, **F. DeVera** from Southeast, **J. Ramirez** from Wilshire. Then what? I don't know, you tell me (as Det. **Allan White** would say). In fact, suddenly Det. **Lowell Ferreira** has been saying the same thing. I guess he is becoming well trained. If Lowell starts twirling his mustache, then you'll know that he has been fully indoctrinated.

"They rock!" said Sgt. **Greg Hancock** of the PACT group. PACT (Police and Community Together) was founded in 1991 and is a community-based, nonprofit organization whose members serve West L.A. PACT President **Edith Lehrer** said that the program was started under Capt.



Howard Henkes and Edith Lehrer of P.A.C.T. with Sgt. Greg Hancock.

Bagdonas because officers were incurring out-of-pocket expenses. The captain also wanted to use the group to subsidize the Explorer program. Edith and Treasurer **Howard Henkes** are charter members who said their group likes to "keep a low profile." Edith is a Specialist Reserve Officer and former rape counselor and Howard is a Technical Reserve Officer who used to work with Edith conducting follow-up investigations on property crimes against the elderly. They are both devoted to PACT and spend between two and five days per week at the station. Members pay annual dues and receive brochures highlighting events in the

West L.A. area. The organization has provided many things that are not provided by the city such as bicycles for the Bike Detail, \$1,400 yearly for the Baker-to-Vegas run, four-year Explorer Scout scholarships and Explorers' summer outings, night-scopes for the GLT team and everything else in between. They were also involved in the Medal-of-Valor luncheon where they funded a table for ten officers.

Employees of West L.A. Division can fill out a "wish list" (request for funds) and present it to PACT for consideration after receiving the Commanding Officer's approval. The combined age of President Lehrer and Treasurer Henkes

Critical Incident Investigative Division. The lieutenant has been teaching in the department's detective school for over 20 years and has always enjoyed working with divisional detectives. Rick said he is very happy to be here at West L.A. He has another area of expertise as he has conducted detective promotional exam seminars for 16 years. In fact, the next seminar commences May 6 between 1630 and 1930 hours and will be held every Thursday until the next detectives test in late September. His hobbies include golf and sailing. Lt. Papke learned to sail in Marina del Rey and has chartered 42 foot sailboats to the British Virgin Islands and the San Juan Islands. Next destination—the



Lt. Rick Papke

is 168 years, so you can tell they have a lot of wisdom and knowledge to go along with their dedication. So they do, indeed, *rock*!

Lt. **Il Rick Papke** became the Commanding Officer of the detectives a few months ago, and we were glad to welcome him aboard. We hope he enjoys his time here on the west side. Lt. Papke has been with the department for 22-1/2 years. When asked why he joined the LAPD, he said, "I needed a job." The lieutenant brought a lot of experience with him as he was a case-carrying detective for 20 years. He was a DIII for the last eight of those years and was in charge of Juveniles, Auto Theft and MAC. He spent part of his career as the Watch Commander at Southwest, was in charge of Foothill Detectives, the Robbery-Homicide shooting team, and was the OIC at the



Barbara "Scrappy" Scallon



A look back at the Joe Friday Detective Dinner - PSR Dacey & P3+1 Scallon.

Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific. If you happen to pass him in the hallway and he says, "I'd rather be sailing," he probably means it! Welcome, Lieutenant! Anchors away! ❖

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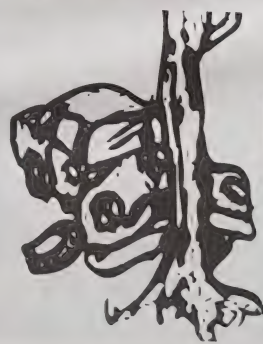
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by Fitz
Rampart Division

Fallen Hero

As an officer is killed in the line of duty, we are instantly reminded of the fierce danger we face serving the citizens of Los Angeles. **P2 Ricardo Lizarraga** lost his life heroically answering the call of a citizen and attempting to merely keep the peace. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Joyce, and family. Ricardo shall never be forgotten as a true street hero.

Forever Brothers

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **P1 Santiago Gascon**, his wife Maria and



Santiago at our Divisional inspection with the Chief.

newborn son Nicholas... Santiago was recently involved in a serious motorcy-

cle accident that nearly claimed his life. Yet, he fought through it and survived in the true Rampart tradition. Santiago has a long, difficult road to recovery yet he most definitely will not travel it alone...*We'll be with you, brother.* Rampart recently held a BBQ fundraiser to raise money to assist the Gascon family in their time of need. Coppers city-wide came to help out and make a donation, in the end, over \$10,000 was raised in that single day. Santiago sends his regards and isn't shy to let you know...he'll be the one eating the carne asada and Doritos at the next BBQ!

77th Division recently held a memorial Motorcycle Ride to benefit the Lizarraga family. When Ricardo's wife, Joyce, was presented with the funds... She immediately asked that it be given to Santiago and his family to help in their desperate time of need. Another awesome example of how the extended LAPD family comes together to help push each other through hard times. Thank you, Joyce...

Criminal Justice

Nearly two years ago, **P3 Vic Alavarez**, was shot during a scuffle with a knucklehead who was found to be armed with a shotgun. Vic took a slug round to his right shoulder and although seriously injured, he's making progress daily and will be back to work soon. Vic, along with a handful of other coppers, recently testified during the jury trial regarding the shooting. Teary eyed jurors were given the opportunity to hear the emergency 911 tape, see Vic's mangled bullet-proof vest and hear dramatic testimony of the incident. They jury went out and came in with a guilty verdict on all 7 counts brought against the cowardly suspect. Hey Vic, get outta the clubs...and get back to work!

Outs

Congrats to new **P2's Richard Sotello** and **Jose "Hot Prowl" Tavares**

who slipped thru the cracks and passed their probation. They're wheelin' out to the valley...yep, to the V-A-L-L-E-Y!

Show them Valley coppers how it's done...handle that Code 30 the Rampart way!

Street Heroes

A few coppers were assigned to a foot beat detail within the Convention Center during the NBA All-Star weekend...yet, they'd rather have been working' the streets of Rampart. The coppers, suited in covers and neck-ties, walked the aisles and stood courtside...walking by 7 ft tall basketball players and rubbing elbows with movie celebs and rap stars. The coppers were waved down by a group of young, enthusiastic kids. Waving his pad and pencil, a young kid yelled to the coppers...*"Can we have your autograph?!"* Thinking they were definitely victims of mistaken identity, the coppers looked over their shoulders to see who the kids were actually talking to. Surprisingly, the kids ran directly up to the coppers. One copper innocently asked, *"Why do you want my autograph?"* The kid answered, *"You guys are heroes!"* The coppers smiled, signed a few autographs and posed for a picture or two. The coppers were then ambushed by an onslaught of fans...more pictures, hand shakes and their celebrity was ever present. So, when you think you've gone unnoticed and unappreciated...know you are a street hero and idolized by fans throughout city, state, country and around the world.

Runnin' and Gunnin'

P2 Danny Arrona and his partner get a Loco Rider with a handgun under his driver seat...and then, nab another CRS'er with a nine fully loaded in his shoulder holster. **P2 Eric "EB" Bruner** and **P2 Mike "Kawika" Chang** chase down a Rockwood onion-head who throws a strap. **P2 Jeff Curti** and **P2 Eric Rose** stop a Witmer St loco with a .357 revolver. **P2 Abel Munoz** and **P2**

Vinton locate an outstanding 211 suspect off a flyer. **P3 Justin Stewart**, **P2 Tom Loera**, **P2 Pete Miranda** and **P2 Brian Koren** C5 a sneaky Witmer Streeter wanted for a 211 and hook 'em up. **P2 Frank Carrillo** and **Mike "Freeze" Friesenhan** pursue one of their many g-rides, yet this one TC's and they recover a handgun. **P2 Brandon Purece** and **P2 Kasie Chavez** get two Temple streeters playin' hot potato with a handgun...let the steam out, LT! **P3 Melissa Ayala** and the Vice crew nab an Echo Park pelon tagging on Sunset... **P2 Jess Faber** and **P2 Miguel Dominguez** caught an MS'er paintin' walls in his barrio. **P3 Paul Hendry** and his boot **Danny Bunch JR** jack up an 18th street gangster packin' a deuce deuce in his back pocket. *If you stumble into a caper, drop a dime and I'll make you famous!*

MVP's

Top gunnin' Rampart officers were rewarded for their hard work and dedication at the annual Employee of the Year award ceremony. **P3 Lou Contreas** and **P3 Mario Rojas** shared the honor of top notch coppers. **Sgt Keith Moreland** earned his stripes and was the leader from supervision. **Jason White** was our civilian winner and **Det Kim Fairchild** nabbed it for her table poundin' detective work. Congrats guys, keep up the good work!

Tips

Although specifics of our tactics have been banned from publishing...remember this, talk with your partner and learn to know his or her next move. Anticipate the worst case scenario...when a caper goes sideways, you knew it could and already had a plan on how to come out on top. Think smarter in your tactics so, you don't have to work harder to clean up a cluster. If you stay ready...you won't have to get ready! ♦



by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

It's another wonderful day in glitter town. As we walk about the newly refurbished areas of the station, we see one new face and six are gone with the wind.

Riding in is **P-2 J. Orellana-Diaz** from 77th and gone are **P-2s B. Bottai** and **J. McSorley** to Motors at CTD, **P-2 J. Newman** to Motors at VTD, **P-2s M. Larson** and **L. Lai** to WTD.

Vacation Trip

When visiting New York City, our own Det. **Carole Hughes** was greeted by New York/New Jersey Port Authority Police. Once they saw the LAPD badge, the red carpet came out and they gave an escorted tour of inside Ground Zero.



Then all they wanted to know was how famous we were investigating. Fugitaboutit! She wanted to know where Tony Soprano was!

Sports

The Hollywood basketball team set out this year with one goal in mind and that was to win the championship of the LAPPAC tournament. The team fell short, however, but is not disappointed with the season. Hollywood completed league play winning every game but one. Hollywood started the playoffs winning their first three games until they lost a close game to Wilshire Division. Hollywood, not discouraged, entered the loser's bracket with every intention of making it to the championship game. Hollywood won two games and then had a rematch against Wilshire. Hollywood

avenged their only loss and now had to beat Pacific Division twice to win it all. Hollywood lost the first game giving Pacific Division the 2004 championship. Congratulations to Pacific Division. We will see you again next year.

Notes

While walking on Hollywood Boulevard and reading the names of all the movie stars, don't forget to stop and remember the officers whose stars are imbued on the front steps of the Hollywood station.

Magic Castle

On March 24, 2004, Hollywood Area held a dinner and celebration at the Magic Castle to honor Hollywood's police officers and detectives who have devoted thirty years or more of service to the Los Angeles Police Department and the city of Los Angeles. The honoree list included **George "Hal" Collier**, **Mike Diaz**, **Dale Hickerson**, **Roger Jackson**, **Ray Lombardo**, **John Miller**, **Mike Pinnaro**, **Charles Stubeck**, **Patrick Terry**, **Michael Thrasher**,



Floyd Toledo, **Frank Dyer**, **Art Placencia**, **Marvin Kidd**, and last but not least, **Tom Pollard**. (Collectively, we're talking over 450 years of service!) Chief **Bratton**, Deputy Chief **Gascon**, and Deputy Chief **Carter**, and Councilmember **Tom LaBonge** attended and spoke of the accomplishment and dedication 30 years of service represents. Captain **Mike Downing**, in a heartfelt gesture, also honored the wives and families of the officers for their support and sacrifice throughout the years. The evening included presentations from Captain **Dave Baca**, the Hollywood Area Community Police Advisory Board and Councilmember **Tom LaBonge**. Dinner followed the presentations and afterward, the honorees, their guests and the rest of the attendees from Hollywood Area were free to roam the castle and enjoy an evening of magic. ♦



Back row (l-r): Kevin Moore, Mark Tappan, Hector Diaz, Ed Russell. Front row (l-r): Shawn Havican, Paul Quan, Michael Seguin, Antonio Ochoa, Louie Valenzuela, Nicholas Lee. Not pictured: Johnny "The Enforcer" Smith, Frank Flores.

SPORTS BEAT

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LAPD vs NYPD "East meets the West to Benefit L.A.'s Youth"

4th Annual LAPD Celebrity Swing-A-Thon

"New York's Finest", NYPD's baseball team will be coming to L.A. to take on the "Centurions", LAPD's baseball team in a baseball showdown that is booked as one of the summer's biggest and most exciting law enforcements match-ups ever!



The game is just one of several summer fun activities that will take place at the **4th Annual LAPD Celebrity Swing-A-Thon** on Saturday, July 24, 2004 at El Cariso County Park in Sylmar from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Free admission to the public, this event brings the Police Department, children, families, and the diverse Los Angeles communities together to celebrate America's favorite past time!

The event which is presented by the LAPD Centurions Baseball Team, and other local community based youth organizations, focuses on showing children and families a fun filled day while raising funds for disadvantaged kids, promoting good health, physical activity, and positive

life choices. This event is also a great opportunity for the public to meet and interact with police officers, elected officials, professional athletes, and well known celebrities from the sports and entertainment industry.

This year former Raider, two time Super Bowl Champion, and record holder Rod Martin will make an appearance and be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award during event opening ceremonies. Rod Martin along with former football greats Charles White and Anthony Davis, have already confirmed their appearances and will run a free football clinic for children of all ages. Several other celebrity guests will soon be announced.

Other activities include free professional sports clinics, interactive game and performance booths, celebrity guests appearances, autograph sessions, free digital fingerprinting station, free health clinic, public safety displays (LAPD helicopter, Bomb Squad, SWAT, K-9, and other specialized units), food, music, contests, giveaways, and much, much more!

Past celebrity guests have included baseball greats, Bret Barberie, Bobby Castillo, Jack Clark, Eric Davis, Tommy Davis, Lorenzo Grey, Lou Johnson, Jay Johnstone, Tommy Lasorda, Rudy Law, Manny Mota, Derrel Thomas, and Maury Wills. Football greats Cliff Branch, Willie Gault, Rod Martin, Calvin Sweeny, Windell Tylor, Charles White, and Mike Wilson. Entertainment celebrities have included Yancey Arias, Mindy Burbano, Neal McDonough,



Shemar Moore, Tahj, Tia & Tamera Mowry, and recording artists "Soluna".

Please join LAPD, NYPD, and a host of well known celebrity sports and entertainment guests on July 24, 2004, as they swing their bats to raise funds for LA's most disadvantaged youth.

For sponsorship, donations, event booths, advertisement opportunities, or more information contact Event Coordinator Officer Michael Scott at 818-268-2488 or E-mail scottsol-dier@aol.com.

Basketball Season Ends In Exciting Tournament Play

The Intra-departmental basketball season ended with 4 teams proving they're on top of their respective leagues. **Charles Perry** ran the tournament with nearly a hitch and made sure that law and order prevailed. Special thanks go out to the scorekeepers, referees, LAPRAAC personnel, and all the respective support groups.

Below is a recap of the winners in each league:

"A" League - PAB

"B" League - Metro

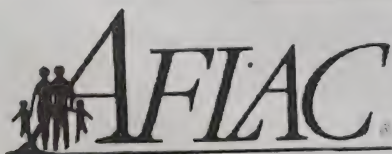
"C" League - Pacific

"D" League - Juvenile

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DATE: Friday May 14, 2004

LOCATION: LOS ANGELES POLICE ACADEMY

TIME: 0900

WEIGH-IN: Thursday, May 13, 2004 from:
0800 to 1500 - Academy gym (stage)
0900 to 1300 - Dev Div. (2nd trailer in Prkg. lot)
0800 to 1300 - Ahmanson Training Facility, Westchester
(You may weigh in at any one of the above listed locations)

AWARDS: Individual 1st through 3rd
Teams 1st through 3rd

COST: \$20.00 (payable to LAPRAAC)

Weigh in clothing: Shorts/pants and T-shirt only. (No shoes/boots, vest, sam browne, etc)

Competition clothing: T-shirt; form fitting shorts (long tights ok); shoes. (No baggy pants; no tank tops; no gloves)

Other approved items: Wrestling singlet, Conventional lifting suit, wrist wraps, belt (no greater than 10cm wide)

- A briefing will take place at 0845 the day of the contest.
- If a competitor can make only one of the three attempts (court or other reason), that attempt will count as official, however no competitor will be allowed to change his/her flight.
- Flights will be posted the morning of the competition.
- Any LAPD officer entering this contest must be a LAPRAAC member.
- Teams shall consist of full-time sworn officers assigned to that division
- Teams shall consist of no more than 40 competitors. A division may enter more than one team. Team rosters shall be turned in on Thursday, May 13, by 1500 hrs. No changes to the team roster will be allowed on the contest day.

For further information call Ruben Espalin, LAPRAAC Athletic Coordinator at (323) 221-5222 ext. 219.

Please fill out this application and bring it with you when you weigh in. (Additional applications will be available at the weigh in). You may weigh in at any one of the above listed locations. The weigh in closing time is **1300**. Exception: The Academy weigh in will close at 1500. No registration or weigh-ins will be taken on the day of competition. Make checks payable to LAPRAAC for \$20.00

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181's: ↑ 165 1/4 - 181 3/4 & ↓
198's: ↑ 181 3/4 - 198 1/4 & ↓
220's: ↑ 198 1/4 - 220 1/4 & ↓
242's: ↑ 220 1/4 - 242 1/2 & ↓
275's: ↑ 242 1/2 - 275 1/2 & ↓
275: ↑ 275 1/2

Additional classes - female only

97's: 97 & ↓
105's: ↑ 97 - 105 3/4 & ↓
114's: ↑ 105 3/4 - 114 1/2 & ↓
123's: ↑ 114 1/2 - 123 1/4 & ↓

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40-49
50-59
60 & Over

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It's A Done Deal - The 20th Challenge Cup Relay Is In The Books

By Ruben Espalin

As the dust settles in the Nevada desert, law enforcement personnel return to their respective positions having just competed in the grueling Challenge Cup Relay. Nearly six thousand runners gave it their best battling fatigue, distractions, thirst, hunger and communication problems. All in all, the race represents the Holy Grail in regards to competitions.

What seems like only hours to complete, takes nearly a year to coordinate!

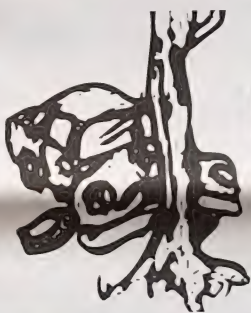
Chuck Foote is the maestro pulling the strings on organizing this wonderful event. In addition to Chuck (and his corny jokes), the race crew is made up of many components, people behind the scenes, volunteers, and a few bucks along the way. Ever wonder what goes into preparing an event like this, here's a small list:

- \$\$\$\$\$\$
- An incredible amount of Patience on the part of ALL involved
- Runners
- LAPRAAC Personnel
- A Budget
- Countless volunteers

- Many meetings
- Awards (mugs, plaques)
- T-shirts (nearly 8,000!)
- Thousands of phone calls, faxes, and of course e-mails
- Permits, licenses, insurance, contracts
- Hotel reservations in 4 hotels
- Airfare, rental cars
- Generators and towers
- Signs
- Porta potty's - 167 (got to have them!)
- Radios, stopwatches, cell phones, ham radios
- Moving company
- Food, drinks
- Race batons, bibs
- General merchandise

LAPRAAC is proud to put on an event of this caliber. With the help of many and the wisdom of one Mr. Foote, we look forward to next year! Look for details of race results and photos in the June issue of The Thin Blue Line. Results will also be available on the Baker to Vegas website after the race. For additional information contact Chuck Foote at 323-221-5222 ext. 221 or 220 or visit www.bakervegas.com.

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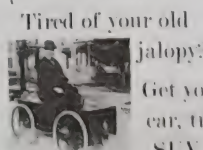
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SPORTS BEAT

LAPD Women's Soccer Team Does Battle In Maryland

by Karima Tahir,
NHWD Vice

Members of the LAPD Women's Soccer team traveled to Gaithersburg, Maryland, March 13-14, 2004 for their fifth appearance in the ninth annual "Stop the Violence" Indoor Soccer Tournament. The tournament, hosted by the U.S. Secret Service and local Maryland and D.C. area police, seeks to bring together law enforcement personnel from across the U.S. and Canada. Their goal is to raise funds for local after school programs that encourage children to stay away from violence. The money raised funds for soccer programs and writing classes for underprivileged children. The LAPD Women's Soccer Team has been successful in the past, placing first and second in the women's category respectfully in the last two years. Unfortunately, this year was plagued with injuries (head and leg), which resulted in a

fifth place finish. As expected, the ladies from NYPD and Canadian provinces proved to be our toughest competitors. However, the LAPD, known to be proven fighters, played hard and didn't roll over and give up. We played tough and forced teams to play up to our level. The wins did not come easy.

The LAPD Women's team expects to compete in the Stockton Police and Fire Games in June. The next big road trip for the LAPD Women's Soccer Team is our annual participation in the North American Police Soccer Tournament, held in September 2004. This year's host for these games is the Calgary Police. The games naturally will be held in beautiful Alberta, Canada. The games are slated for September 8-11, 2004. Anyone interested in learning more about the team may contact Sgt. Shannon Paulson, Newton Division.

Softball Season Swings For the Fences

by Ruben Espalin Athletic
Coordinator, LAPRAAC

The 2004 Intra-departmental Softball season is under way and has the players focused on the number one goal, not strike out!

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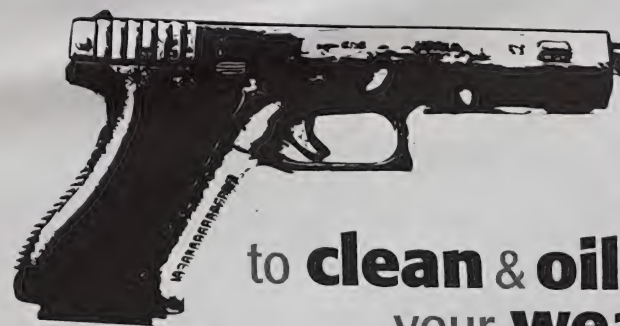
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RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on May 19, 2004, at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave and Nordhoff St. We meet every month on the 3rd Wednesday in the Bar/Lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 A.M. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent

renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 35 attending March 17th luncheon. The following attended: **Charlie ALBRIGHT** (6006), **Dale AYERS** (4876), **Jim DAVIS** (14365), **Ted DEBS** (6808), **Ernie** (3918) & **Sylvia DICKEN**, **Emmett DRENNEN** (3279), **Hilliard (Curly) ELLIOTT** (4534), **Ray ELMER** (5607), **Clinton ERICKSON** (5608), **Bill FEDDERSON** (4823), **Billi FELIZ**, **Roger FERGUSON** (13523), **Bob FRITZ** (4583), **Jerry GILBERT** (11617), **Cliff HODGE** (10496), **John KEPKE** (4603), **Dean**

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Roger Ferguson and Cliff Hodge were first time attendees. Dale Ayers and Jerry Gilbert had attend a luncheon prior to 1994, There is room for addi-

tional 15-20 attendees, so mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you need more information please contact me at the numbers listed below.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

Our meeting information and attendees are on www.larfpa.com. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in May and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the 3rd Wednesday of each month. ❖

Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

The dates for next year's Baker to Las Vegas relay race have not been finalized. This year's race was run on April 24 and 25. The results for our team will be in next month's column.

Our March run was held on the 7th. It was a warm, warm day for the run. Even though The Weather Channel was showing pictures of snowstorms in the

Midwest and East Coast, our temperatures were in the upper 80s, and it took a little out of our runners.

We had a great group of runners. **Tim Saucerman** led the pack and he was followed by newcomer **Ron Hodges**. Welcome aboard. They were followed by **Steve Keyser**, **Chuck McTaggart**, **Phil Booth**, **Danny Staggs**, **Bruce Hoover**, **Ron McCall**, **John Martin**, **Mike Cherry**, **Mike Arroyo**, and **Keith**

Allen. Also participating in the run was **Lynn McTaggart**, the co-captain's wife who runs for the LASD women's team.

Several of our runners were participating in the Los Angeles Marathon and were granted permission to run as long as they kept up with co-captain **Mel Sandvig**. We have asked **Pat Connoley** to schedule next year's L.A. Marathon so that it doesn't conflict with our training runs.

Support personnel were out in force. They were **Mike McKean**, **Terry Wonders**, **Virginia Van Houtte**, **Corky Rochlitz**, **Mike Melancon**, **Diane Harber**, **Bob Espinosa**, and **Rudy DeLeon**.

The original Old Blue team sign has been retired. A new sign has been donated by a long time supporter, **Tom Kendall**, of the Kendall Sign Company

of Van Nuys, a long time supporter of the Old Blue Running Team. The new sign is lighter in weight. Our old sign was well over 100 pounds, making the job of mounting the sign a difficult



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Keep checking this column for the dates of next year's runs. ❖

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Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

We are heading into May and all is well on the beautiful central coast. The rolling hills are starting to turn brown, as they usually do about now, but the cattle are still hanging out. We are down somewhat in our precipitation levels (that's rain, for us retired Metro guys), but overall the weather has been great.

Our Fuzz luncheon, in March, held at the Inn at Morro Bay, was a superb event. I am reporting on it in absentia, as Judy and I were traveling and unable to attend. I was told; however, by **Jeff Watkins**, our beloved, retired motor cop, that all went well and those in attendance had a wonderful time. The weath-

er cooperated and the camaraderie as well as the cuisine was outstanding. Special guests in attendance included **Walt & Do Kainz**, **JJ & Linda Thompson**, **Mel & Nancy Scholl**, **Kerry & Robin Ray** and **Ken & Lynne Welty**. Our guest speaker was none other than **Bill Gartland (WOG)** who is currently President of the Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association, Inc (LARFPA). **Gartland** discussed pertinent issues relating to LAPD retirees, including the formation of a political action committee. We were grateful to have Bill and his wife, Ann, join the Fuzz Gang for our kick off luncheon for the year 2004.

Thanks to **Paul & Stella Mattson**, **Jeff & Melissa Watkins** for their fine efforts in setting up the beautiful event. **Fred Tuggey** sold more Fuzz hats and T-shirts and will have more on order. Great work, guys.

Our Fuzz Directory was published and distributed. It contained sixty-six LAPD retirees, and when the spouses were included, who, of course, are very important, it numbered about 110 Fuzz Folks.

Our next event will be our picnic in Atascadero in June. This is really a fun

event. Our valiant committee is still working out the details, so more info will be available in our next article. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LAPD AUTHOR

As I mentioned, **Judy** and I missed the luncheon as we were traveling "down under" to New Zealand and Australia. Two of our traveling companions were **Jim & Robbie Heintzman**, who organized the entire trip. **Jim** is still an active sergeant at Air Support Division with about thirty one years on the job. **Robbie** was really the force behind the delightful excursion and did a super job.

I needed something to read during the long flight from LAX to Auckland, New Zealand, which takes almost thirteen hours. I found a book in the library of my oldest daughter which caught my interest. To my delight, I found that it was authored by LAPD Sergeant, **John R. Kielbasa**, who is a fifteen-year veteran and is currently assigned to Devonshire Division. **Kielbasa** wrote the most fascinating book, published in 1997, documenting the history of adobe structures built in the eighteenth and nineteenth cen-

turies in Los Angeles County. He told me that it took over fifteen years of research and five years of writing to put it all together. He personally took photographs of many of these structures, and as he writes in the Introduction; "It's about the rich and colorful history of each respective adobe. It's about who built them, the succession of owners who lived in them, the locations they were erected, what purpose they served and how they have survived all these years." Names so familiar to us like, Pico, Sepulveda, Cauenga, Los Feliz, La Brea, Los Cerritos, Los Alamitos, Calabasas, Valencia and San Gabriel, jump out at you and take on a significant meaning when you begin to delve into the rich history of LA County. John is an excellent writer and did a tremendous amount of research to put it all together. The book is entitled, "Historic Adobes of Los Angeles County." LAPD does produce some talented people. You can contact Sgt. **Kielbasa** at Devonshire Division for information about the book. Thanks, John for keeping me awake on the long flight.

Take care and stay healthy. Catch us at PISMOGUYNAL@CHARTER.NET
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Dates to Remember

MAY		Event Time/ Social	Meal
May 1	LAPD Police Celebrity Golf Tournament	1000	
May 1	Legendary Ladies Luncheon	1130	
May 1-31	LAPPL Delta Dental Open Enrollment Period		
May 8	Benson Lee		
May 9-16	National Police Week (see cover for calendar of national, state and local events)		
May 13	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	1200
May 14	Cliff Lloyd	1700	
May 15	National Peace Officers Memorial Day		
May 19	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
May 21	Richard Davis	1700	1800
May 21	Wally Graves	1700	
May 23	Pacific Northwest Retirees' BBQ	1100	
May 24-26	50th Reunion- Class of 5-17-54	Laughlin	
May 27	Brian Davis	1700	1800

JUNE			
June 6	S.A.B.L.A. Spring Bar-b-que Golf Tournament		
June 10	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
June 16	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
June 18	Metro Reunion	1700	1800
June 25	Bradley Merritt	1700	1800
June 30	George Haines	1800	1900

Tim Smith Retirement



League Director Ted Hunt presents Delegate Tim Smith with League Retirement Plaque, honoring Tim's 31 years' of service to the League and membership. From left: Dick Haberland (ret.), Director Ted Hunt, Tim Smith (ret.), Pat Halle (ret.).

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

The Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA) met on March 11, 2004 before a near capacity group of 31 members and guests at *Friends Restaurant* in Rancho Cordova. Our association **President Carl Kuehn** provided us with another outstanding guest speaker and former SABLA member **J. P. Nelson**. Mr Nelson is the Director for the National Rifle Association (NRA) Western Region, Field Operations Division. Nelson retired from Metro Division in September 1986. Some of his other assignments included patrol, vice, Wilshire, Training, (((I A))) and the department pistol team.

Nelson discussed in length, to a very attentive audience, the founding (in 1876) and history of the NRA. It is the oldest civil rights organization in the country. He related how the membership in the NRA can fluctuate between 1 to 4.5 members, depending upon the cur-

rent events. Membership increases during acts of civil unrest, terrorism etc. It also goes up when the 2nd Amendment is attacked by extremist who want to deny all guns, rifles etc from non-criminal, honest, hard working individuals.

An outstanding program provided by the NRA (that is criticized by those on the other side of the aisle) is the "Eddie Eagle" program. This program basically teaches children to notify an adult if they see a firearm unattended and not to touch it. Go figure! Keep up the good work J.P. Their web site is "nra.org".

We had two retired visitors from the Valley divisions in attendance. **Ken Gillespie** who retired from N. Hollywood in 1968 and **O.H. "Bud" Long** from Devonshire in 1975. Ken has re-located and is now living in Lincoln, Ca. Ken has also signed-up to be a SABLA member. Other recognizable members at our luncheon include **Lew**

Ritter and his wife **Grace**, **Ron** and **Marilyn Kiser** (from Sonoma), California Horse Racing Board Chief **Frank Moore**, **Chuck** and **Laura Ward**, **Wilma Laycock** and of course **Eleanor Kuehn** (Carl's wife). It was good to see **Ray Lauritzen** back again after the injury he sustained by a falling tree at a local nursery. Others present, who we haven't seen in a while included **Chuck Blogin**, **Bob Devin**, **Bob Keel** and **Tom Vigen**. Now that **Norm Roberge** is fully retired, he has become a regular attendee at our meetings.

Tony Baldassano has sold his "Rocking B" ranch in Cameron Park and has moved on up to the picturesque "Serrano" development in El Dorado Hills. I, (**Ed Lewandowski**), have recovered enough from my torn rotator cuff surgery to go back to work for the State Lottery as a retired annuitant. I'll be filling in on a part-time basis for about a year, for one of the Sacramento investigators who was called up for military duty with the Marines (ur rah!).

We haven't heard too much from **Bernie Remas** this past winter as he basked in the Florida sun. He's due back in California in April. Our Secretary/Treasurer **Hoy Key** is off on another cruise. Hopefully he hasn't

encountered any hurricanes as he did on a past cruise adventure.

I want to just remind everyone about a couple of items. Our monthly meetings will continue at our current host restaurant "Friends" in Rancho Cordova (off US Hwy 50 at Zinfandel).

Meetings are always scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of the month (barring an unforeseen date change). Start time is 1130 and goes to 1300/1330. Please join us if you're in the area.

The meetings for the next three months are scheduled for:

April 8, 2004
May 13, 2004
June 10, 2004

The **SABLA Spring Fling Bar-b-que** is scheduled for **Sunday, June 6, 2004** (D-Day), in "Old Hangtown" Placerville. Again, it's an "all you can eat" bar-b-que with smoked BBQ pork ribs, BBQ sliced beef, BBQ chicken with pork n beans and three salads. Soft drinks and ice water will be provided at no cost. For those who want stronger spirits/libations, you can BYOB. Cost is \$20 per person. Send, mail or hand-deliver your checks to Hoy Key. Make the check out to "SABLA".

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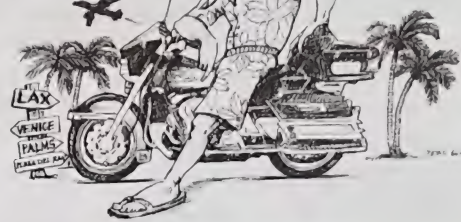
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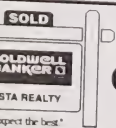
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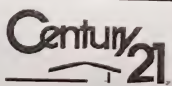
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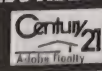
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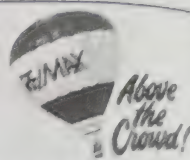
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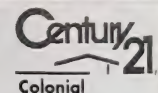
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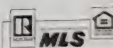
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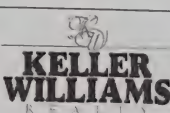
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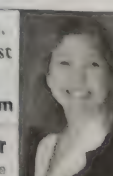
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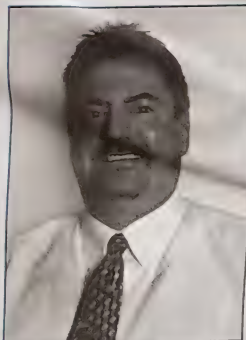
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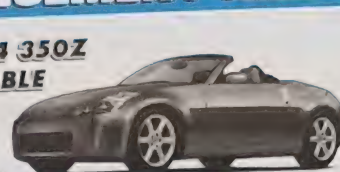
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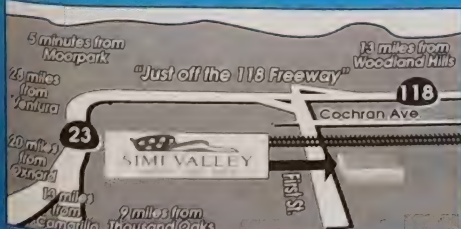
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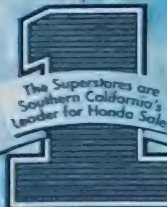
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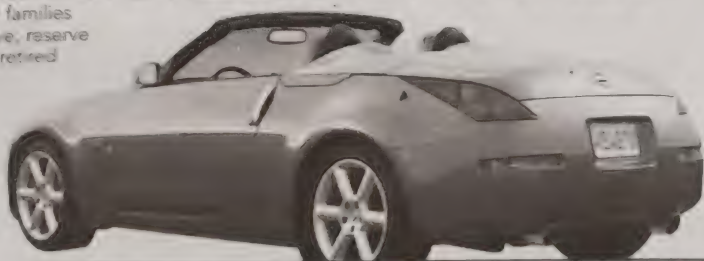


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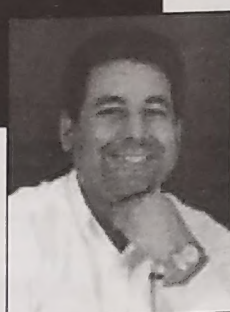
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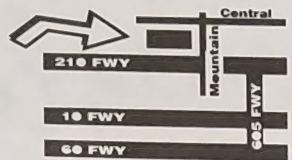
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